

Jesus Raises Lazarus *John 11:1-6, 17-48*

The Ministry Years of Jesus: Lesson 4

Note: When you see typing in “CAPS” like this, make sure you are drawing on the sketchboard as you teach

Introduction: How many here have ever been to a funeral? They are no fun. In fact they are very sad. Today, we are going to hear what happened when Jesus showed up at a funeral.

- A). Jesus had friends besides his disciples. Some of his friends were named Mary and Martha who were sisters, and their brother Lazarus. The sisters sent word to Jesus that their brother was very sick, and could die.
- 1) Jesus told his disciples Lazarus would *not* die.
 - 2) Instead of rushing off to heal Lazarus, Jesus waited on purpose **2 DAYS** (paint over in candle).
 - 3) Why? Jesus said what would happen would give God much honor and praise.
- B). After waiting 2 days, Jesus journeyed to see Lazarus (**DRAW HEAD ON JESUS ON THE ROAD**).
- 1) When he arrived, he was told Lazarus had been dead four days.
 - 2) Many people came to the funeral to cry.
 - 3) Martha (**DRAW HEAD ON MARTHA STANDING**) came out to see Jesus on the road.
 - a). Martha was upset and said, “If you would have been here, Lazarus would not of died.” In her heart she was **DOUBTING** God’s goodness, power, and plan.
 - 4) Jesus said to her: *Quote John 11:25-26.*
 - 5) Martha said she **BELIEVED** Jesus.
- C). Martha ran back and told her sister Mary that Jesus was here.
- 1) Mary came to Jesus **AND FELL AT HIS FEET (DRAW HEAD AND ARMS)** and complained to Jesus and said the same thing Martha said.
 - 2) Likewise, Mary showed **DOUBT** in Jesus’ power and purpose.
- D). Jesus asked to see where Lazarus was buried. When Jesus came and saw all the people crying, He was very moved at the people’s sorrow and...
- 1) Jesus cried (**DRAW TEARS** on Jesus’ face).
- E). Why did Jesus cry?

- 1) Because Jesus is both **GOD** and **HUMAN**. God does not shed tears, or have tear ducts, but does feel emotions like sadness. But since Jesus is God in a human body, he was able to shed tears.
- 2) Jesus also was sad because he was seeing the real effects of **SIN** (candle)
- 3) What is sin? Go through some of the Ten Commandments.
- 4) Breaking God's law always leads to a punishment. And God's punishment is **DEATH** (candle).
- 5). Jesus was seeing up-close what sin does to people. Lazarus had sinned, and now he died because of it.

F). People saw Jesus at the entrance of the tomb and complained (point to the word doubt). Vs.37.

G). Jesus came to the tomb (**DRAW HEAD and ARM ON JESUS**). The people gathered around to see what was going to happen (**DRAW HEADS ON THE PEOPLE, AND LONG HAIR FOR MARY AND MARTHA**).

H). Tell the story in your own words John 11:38-44. Be exciting!

This story is a little different for the preparation. Take a separate piece of paper, and paint a brown tomb stone and cut it out. Put scotch tape on the back so the tombstone stays in place. Also, make a "mummy" looking Lazarus and place him in the tomb. When you remove the tomb stone, Lazarus will be standing up-right in the tomb already.

I). The point of this story is: Draw in the title: **JESUS GIVES LIFE**

- 1) Death is our greatest fear. But only Jesus has the power over death.
- 2). The Bible says God will bring back to life every single person at the end of time. When God raises all the dead like he did to Lazarus, either they will go to eternal life, or to judgment in the lake of fire.

Conclusion: Close in prayer. Give the children a time of silence to trust Jesus for forgiveness and eternal life.

