

## John 11:1-27 New Living Translation

### The Raising of Lazarus

**11** A man named Lazarus was sick. He lived in Bethany with his sisters, Mary and Martha. **2** This is the Mary who later poured the expensive perfume on the Lord's feet and wiped them with her hair.<sup>[a]</sup> Her brother, Lazarus, was sick. **3** So the two sisters sent a message to Jesus telling him, "Lord, your dear friend is very sick."

**4** But when Jesus heard about it he said, "Lazarus's sickness will not end in death. No, it happened for the glory of God so that the Son of God will receive glory from this." **5** So although Jesus loved Martha, Mary, and Lazarus, **6** he stayed where he was for the next two days. **7** Finally, he said to his disciples, "Let's go back to Judea."

**8** But his disciples objected. "Rabbi," they said, "only a few days ago the people<sup>[b]</sup> in Judea were trying to stone you. Are you going there again?"

**9** Jesus replied, "There are twelve hours of daylight every day. During the day people can walk safely. They can see because they have the light of this world. **10** But at night there is danger of stumbling because they have no light." **11** Then he said, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but now I will go and wake him up."

**12** The disciples said, "Lord, if he is sleeping, he will soon get better!"

**13** They thought Jesus meant Lazarus was simply sleeping, but Jesus meant Lazarus had died.

**14** So he told them plainly, "Lazarus is dead. **15** And for your sakes, I'm glad I wasn't there, for now you will really believe. Come, let's go see him."

**16** Thomas, nicknamed the Twin,<sup>[c]</sup> said to his fellow disciples, "Let's go, too—and die with Jesus."

**17** When Jesus arrived at Bethany, he was told that Lazarus had already been in his grave for four days. **18** Bethany was only a few miles<sup>[d]</sup> down the road from Jerusalem, **19** and many of the people had come to console Martha and Mary in their loss. **20** When Martha got word that Jesus was coming, she went to meet him. But Mary stayed in the house. **21** Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if only you had been here, my brother would not have died. **22** But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask."

**23** Jesus told her, "Your brother will rise again."

**24** "Yes," Martha said, "he will rise when everyone else rises, at the last day."

**25** Jesus told her, "I am the resurrection and the life.<sup>[e]</sup> Anyone who believes in me will live, even after dying. **26** Everyone who lives in me and believes in me will never ever die. Do you believe this, Martha?"

**27** "Yes, Lord," she told him. "I have always believed you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one who has come into the world from God."

### Questions:

1. Why do you think Jesus stays where he was for two days after hearing Lazarus was very sick?
2. What did Jesus really mean when he said that Lazarus has fallen asleep?
3. Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life. Anyone who believes in me will live, even after dying."

Explain what Jesus is saying in your own words.

4. Why is it important that Jesus rise from the dead?
5. Explain how you can live, even after dying?