

John 11:1-27 New Living Translation (NLT)

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.[a] 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[b] 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,[c] 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[d] 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.[e] 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. What did Jesus say & do after hearing about Lazarus being sick in v4-6?
2. Why did Jesus' disciples not want him to go to Judea in v7?
3. What did Jesus tell his disciples he was going to do for Lazarus in v11?
4. What did the disciples think Jesus meant according to v13?
5. Re-read v15 and explain what Jesus is saying to the disciples.
6. How long had Lazarus been in the grave when Jesus arrived in v17?
7. Looking at v21-22 describe Martha's faith in Jesus.
8. How does Jesus describe himself in v25-26?
9. What is Martha's statement of faith in Jesus in v27?
10. Jesus said: "Everyone who lives in me and believes in me will never ever die". Explain what it means to "live in Him".