

BIBLE STUDIES FOR LIFE®

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CONVERSATION

Mary, Martha, and Lazarus

JOHN 11:1-44

Lazarus was a friend of Jesus. Mary and Martha, his sisters, sent Jesus a message that said, “Lord, the one You love is sick.”

Jesus did not go to Lazarus right away. He said, “This sickness will not end in death. It will be for the glory of God.” Jesus stayed where He was for two days.

At the end of two days, Jesus said, “Let’s go to Judea.”

The disciples worried. “The Jews tried to stone You—You are going there again?”

Jesus told them, “Lazarus is dead. I’m glad I wasn’t there so that you may believe. Let us go to him.” By the time Jesus arrived, Lazarus’ body had been in a tomb for four days.

When Martha heard that Jesus was approaching, she went out and met Him, but Mary stayed at home. Martha said to Jesus, “Lord, if You had been here, my brother would not have died.”

Jesus answered, “Your brother will rise again. I am the resurrection and the life. Everyone who believes in Me will never die—ever! Do you believe this, Martha?”

Martha replied, “I believe that You are the Christ, the Son of God.”

When Mary saw Jesus, she fell at His feet weeping and saying to Him, “Lord, if You had been here, my brother would not have died.” When Jesus saw Mary crying, He was moved in His spirit and also wept. The people could see how much Jesus loved this family.

Jesus went to the tomb where Lazarus’ body had been buried. Jesus commanded that the stone in front of the tomb be taken away. He lifted up His eyes and prayed, “Father, thank You for hearing Me. May the people believe You sent Me.” Then Jesus shouted, “Lazarus, come out!” Lazarus walked out of the tomb, still wrapped in his grave clothes. Jesus said, “Untie his grave clothes and let him go!”

WEEKLY BIBLE VERSE: John 11:27

LIFE POINT: Families can trust Jesus together.



THE BIBLE MEETS LIFE

Parents, today your child learned that families can trust Jesus together. Mary, Martha, and Lazarus were friends of Jesus. Mary and Martha showed they knew Jesus was God’s Son by trusting Him to raise Lazarus from the dead.



LIVE IT OUT

If your child has not made the decision to follow Christ, share with her the plan of salvation. Explain to her that your job is to tell her about Jesus and His love, but she must make the decision to become a Christian.



LEVEL OF BIBLICAL LEARNING

God’s plan for mothers and fathers is to teach their children about God. Parents are examples of how God is our heavenly Father.



DAILY BIBLE READING

Sunday: John 11:27

Monday: 1 Peter 5:10

Tuesday: Psalm 34:19

Wednesday: 2 Samuel 7:28

Thursday: Psalm 9:10

Friday: John 14:1

Saturday: Psalm 5:11

TAKE IT FURTHER: Check out *Mary, Martha, and Lazarus* in Bible Studies for Life on the LifeWay Kids App for Bible stories, games, and more.

