

## JESUS' GREATEST MIRACLE

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### THE CHARACTERS

Lazarus

Mary

Martha

Jesus

The Mourners

The Jews

The Disciples

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### THE CRISIS

Lazarus is sick, unto death. "The one whom you love is sick."

Jesus receives the message but waits.

This sickness is for the \_\_\_\_\_.

God's delays.

On the third day, Jesus announces: "Let's go to Judea."

The disciples' reaction.

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### THE CONVERSATION

Martha: "If you had been here, my brother would not have died."

Jesus: 'Your brother will rise again.'

Martha: "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day."

Job 19: 25 - 27

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## THE CLAIM

### I AM THE RESURRECTION AND THE LIFE.

One of the seven **I AM** statements of Christ in the book of John  
1 Corinthians 15

He moves the resurrection from being an \_\_\_\_\_ to being a \_\_\_\_\_ – himself!

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## THE CONQUEST AND THE CORPSE

Mary repeats the same statement – If you had been here, our brother would not have died

The mourners and Mary and Martha are weeping.

Jesus wept.

What do Jesus' tears show us about Jesus?

Jesus prays and then commands Lazarus to "Come forth."

Lazarus comes out bound in burial clothes. "Unbind him and let him go."

A vivid picture of salvation:

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## THE CONTROVERSY AND THE CONSPIRACY

Some of the Jews who witnessed this miracle believed, but some did not and went to the Jews.

The religious leaders (Pharisees and Sadducees) were very upset. Why?

Caiaphus' prophetic statement: "It is better than one man die for the people. . . ."

From that day forward, they conspired together to put Jesus to death.

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**Some questions to consider:**

1. What did Jesus mean when He said, "I am the resurrection and the life"? Expand on the idea that it moved from an event to a person.
2. How does Jesus' waiting to go to Lazarus display his love for Lazarus and the sisters?
3. Why can those who believe in Jesus have unchanging confidence despite circumstances?
4. If you feel comfortable in doing so, share with your table how your belief that Jesus is indeed the resurrection and the life has given you hope in the loss of a loved one.