

Lazarus Raised from the Dead

John 11:1-54

When is this flag given out? *(The death of a soldier)*

What is death?

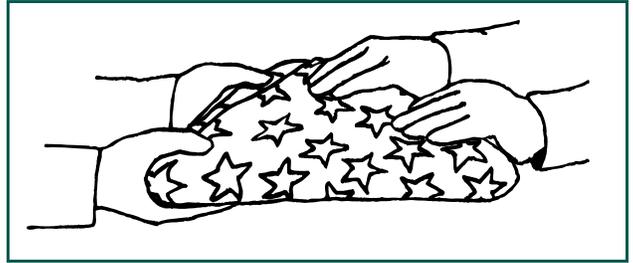
Why do people die?

How can we overcome death?

Prayer

Dear Father in Heaven, You have sent Your Son into this world so that our sins would be forgiven.

Even though we may die physically and be separated from our bodies, we pray that You give us faith to overcome spiritual death. Keep us in Your Word, so that when we die, we may live eternally with You in heaven. Amen.



The Story - John 11:1-7, 11-46

Now a certain man was sick, Lazarus of Bethany, the town of Mary and her sister Martha. {2} It was that Mary who anointed the Lord with fragrant oil and wiped His feet with her hair, whose brother Lazarus was sick. {3} Therefore the sisters sent to Him, saying, "Lord, behold, he whom You love is sick."

{4} When Jesus heard that, He said, "This sickness is not unto death, but for the glory of God, that the Son of God may be glorified through it."

{5} Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus. {6} So, when He heard that he was sick, He stayed two more days in the place where He was. {7} Then after this He said to the disciples, "Let us go to Judea again."

{11} ... After that He said to them, "Our friend Lazarus sleeps, but I go that I may wake him up."

{12} Then His disciples said, "Lord, if

he sleeps he will get well." {13} However, Jesus spoke of his death, but they thought that He was speaking about taking rest in sleep.

{14} Then Jesus said to them plainly, "Lazarus is dead. {15} "And I am glad for your sakes that I was not there, that you may believe. Nevertheless let us go to him."

{16} Then Thomas, who is called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, "Let us also go, that we may die with Him."

{17} So when Jesus came, He found that he had already been in the tomb four days. {18} Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, about two miles away. {19} And many of the Jews had joined the women around Martha and Mary, to comfort them concerning their brother.

{20} Then Martha, as soon as she heard that Jesus was coming, went and met Him, but Mary was sitting in the



house. {21} Then Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if You had been here, my brother would not have died. {22} "But even now I know that whatever You ask of God, God will give You."

{23} Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again."

{24} Martha said to Him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection at the last day."

{25} Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live. {26} "And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die. Do you believe this?"

{27} She said to Him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that You are the Christ, the Son of God, who is to come into the world."

{28} And when she had said these things, she went her way and secretly called Mary her sister, saying, "The Teacher has come and is calling for you." {29} As soon as she heard that, she arose quickly and came to Him. {30} Now Jesus had not yet come into the town, but was in the place where Martha met Him. {31} Then the Jews who were with her in the house, and comforting her, when they saw that Mary rose up quickly and went out, followed her, saying, "She is going to the tomb to weep there."

{32} Then, when Mary came where Jesus was, and saw Him, she fell down at His feet, saying to Him, "Lord, if You had been here, my brother would not have died."

{33} Therefore, when Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her weeping, He groaned in the spirit and was troubled. {34} And He said, "Where have you laid him?"

They said to Him, "Lord, come and see."

{35} Jesus wept. {36} Then the Jews said, "See how He loved him!"

{37} And some of them said, "Could not this Man, who opened the eyes of the blind, also have kept this man from dying?"

{38} Then Jesus, again groaning in Himself, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone lay against it. {39} Jesus said, "Take away the stone."

Martha, the sister of him who was dead, said to Him, "Lord, by this time there is a stench, for he has been dead four days."

{40} Jesus said to her, "Did I not say to you that if you would believe you would see the glory of God?" {41} Then they took away the stone from the place where the dead man was lying. And Jesus lifted up His eyes and said, "Father, I thank You that You have heard Me. {42} "And I know that You always hear Me, but because of the people who are standing by I said this, that they may believe that You sent Me." {43} Now when He had said these things, He cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come forth!" {44} And he who had died came out bound hand and foot with graveclothes, and his face was wrapped with a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Loose him, and let him go."

{45} Then many of the Jews who had come to Mary, and had seen the things Jesus did, believed in Him. {46} But some of them went away to the Pharisees and told them the things Jesus did.

Outer Aim Jesus resurrects a man who has been dead for four days.

Recalling Details - Find the words from the story in the cross puzzle. Then use the words to retell the story.

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Discussion Questions

1. How do we know Mary and Martha believed in Jesus?
2. Why did Jesus wait before He came to help?
3. What is death?
4. Why do people die?
5. How do we overcome death?
6. Can we be certain of our own resurrection?

Passages

Job 19:25-27 - For I know that my Redeemer lives, and He shall stand at last on the earth; and after my skin is destroyed, this I know, that in my flesh I shall see God, whom I shall see for myself, and my eyes shall behold, and not another.

How my heart yearns within me!

Romans 5:12 - Therefore, just as through one man sin entered the world, and death through sin, and thus death spread to all men, because all sinned.

John 11:25 - Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live."

Inner Aim Jesus, God's Son, has power over death.

Hymn - TLH #201 "Jesus Lives, The Victory's Won" v. 1, 2 show us that because Jesus overcame death, we also will overcome death.

Jesus lives! The vict'ry's won!
Death no longer can appal me;
Jesus lives! Death's reign is done!
From the grave Christ will recall me.
Brighter scenes will then commence;
This shall be my confidence.

Jesus lives! To Him the throne
High o'er heav'n and earth is given.
I shall go where He is gone,
Live and reign with Him in heaven.
God is faithful, doubtings, hence!
This shall be my confidence.

Prayer

Dear Lord Jesus, Through this lesson You call us to believe that You are the Lord of life with power over even death itself. Because of sin within us, we fear death. But You suffered death for us and the punishment of sin that we fear in death. You have taken away the sting of death and replaced it with the assurance that those who believe in You will rise from death to live again, with You, forever. Help us to view death through the eyes of faith in You and Your promises of a joyful resurrection. We ask this, trusting in You as our Lord of Life and Savior. Amen.