

TO HELP US STUDY

1. Where did Lazarus live? _____ Who were his sisters? _____
2. When Jesus heard that Lazarus was sick, what did he do? _____

3. Did Jesus' disciples want him to go help Lazarus? _____ Why? _____

4. When Jesus came to Bethany, how long had Lazarus been dead? _____
5. What were the dead man's sister doing? _____
6. Which sister talked to Jesus first? _____ What did she say? _____

7. He said, "I am the _____ and the _____. He who believes
in me will _____, even though he _____."
8. When Mary heard that Jesus had come, what did she do? _____
9. Why did Martha not want to move the stone from the grave? _____

10. When Jesus shouted, "Lazarus, come out!" what happened? _____
11. What does this story tell us about Jesus? _____

TO HELP US REMEMBER: *Young ones*—John 11:25, "He who believes in me will live, even though he dies."

Older ones—John 11:25-26

TO CHALLENGE TEEN THOUGHT

1) When John speaks of "the Jews," he always means the leaders of the Jewish nation in Jesus' day. Beginning with this lesson, notice closely their hatred for Jesus. See the apostles' fear to go back to Judea. Note the reaction of the Jews to the raising of Lazarus. 2) Find and meditate on at least five other scriptures that tell of Jesus' power of death. List them on the back of this page.

TIPS FOR TEACHING PARENTS

Teaching a small child about death can be difficult. The younger the child, the harder the task, of course, for a toddler's experience does not include death. Even our first and second graders are sheltered in our society so that death has little real meaning. A story like this one affords a good opportunity for us to help our little ones to understand this inescapable human experience.

Those who have very young children may want to expose them only to the physical details of this story. They will be fascinated by the idea of a dead man hobbling around stinking and staggering in his burial clothes. We can dramatize the story by playing on the suspense of moving the stone and what might be inside. Right now we can teach our tender toddlers an enjoyable story, knowing they will discover its meanings when they are more mature. But our older children can learn much about death and about Jesus from this story.

FOR ADULT STUDY: Mt 28:1-6; 1 Cor 15:20-28; Rom 5:17; Heb 2:14-15; Jn 5:25-29.