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NAR There was a man named Lazarus who had two sisters named, Mary and Martha. Jesus loved them very much and enjoyed spending time with them whenever he was in their town. One day, while with his disciples, Jesus knew that Lazarus had become sick.

Jesus Lazarus is very sick. In two days' time, we will go to where he lives. He is sleeping, but I'm going so that I can wake him up.

Thomas But Lord, if he is just sleeping, then he can wake up on his own.

Disciples Yes, right.

Jesus My friends, actually when I say 'he is sleeping', I mean that Lazarus is dead.

Disciples What? Oh...

NAR The day arrived for Jesus and his disciples to go where Lazarus lived. When they got there, they found out that Lazarus had been dead and in the grave for four days already! Martha had heard that Jesus was coming, and so went out to meet him. When she saw him, she came to him and said...

Martha My Lord, if only you had been here, my brother wouldn't have died. But I know even now that whatever you ask of God, He will give to you.

Jesus Dear Martha, your brother will rise again.

Martha I know that my Lord. On the last day in the resurrection he will rise again.

Jesus I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me, even if he dies, shall live. And whoever lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this, Martha?

Martha Yes, Lord, I believe that You are the Christ, the Son of God!

Mary Oh Lord, if only you had come sooner. I know that Lazarus would still be alive!

NAR When Jesus saw Mary and Martha both crying, he was moved to deep sadness for them and cried as well. Then Jesus asked them where Lazarus was buried.



Jesus Where is he?
Martha Come and see, Lord.
NAR When they arrived at the tomb of Lazarus, Jesus told those who were with Mary and Martha to remove the stone from the front of the tomb.

Martha Lord, by this time there will be a bad smell. He's been in there for days.

Jesus Martha, didn't I tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God? Go ahead, take the stone away.
 Dear Father, I thank You that You always hear my prayers. I call upon you now so that these gathered here will know that you have sent me. Now, ready?

Disciples, Martha, Mary Yes! uh...

Jesus Lazarus! Come out!

NAR Lazarus was a dead man. He'd been in his grave four days when Jesus came. Jesus walked up to the tomb, and with authority, he called out Lazarus's name....and he came walking out! Wrapped in bandages from head to foot, Lazarus came walking out of his tomb!

Disciples, Martha, Mary <gasp> Wow! Oh my gosh! Amazing!

Jesus Help him. Loose the wraps and let him go.

Lazarus My Lord Jesus!

Jesus Hello Lazarus!

Lazarus Mary! Martha!

Martha, Mary, Lazaro Lazarus! Thank you my Lord! Jesus, thank you!

NAR When the disciples saw this, they were amazed and believed all the more that Jesus was truly the Christ and Son of God. Some of the people who were with Mary and Martha too believed and from that time, put their faith in Jesus, but others went and told the Pharisees what Jesus had done.

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had performed another miracle, they became more angry with him, and called a meeting with all of the leaders.

Pharisee 1 What must we do with this Jesus? I'm so tired of hearing of the things he does!

Pharisee 2 I've heard people say he fed more than 5000 people at one time!

Pharisee 3 I've heard he walks on water..



- Pharisee 4** I've heard he talks to evil spirits!
- Pharisee 1** He heals the sick, he raises the dead, makes the blind see, and the deaf hear.... Everyone loves him! If we keep letting him do this, then everyone will believe in him.
- Pharisee 3** Then the Romans will come!
- Pharisee 4** Then they will take away our nation!
- NAR** While the Pharisees were discussing what to do about Jesus, one of them stood up to speak. His name was Caiaphas, and he was the high priest.
- Caiaphas** No! You all know nothing! Don't you see what we must do? It is much better for this one man to die than for our whole nation to be destroyed.
- Pharisees** Ah, yes! Good idea. Right!
- NAR** So from that day, the Pharisees planned to kill Jesus.

“Jesus said to her, ‘I am the resurrection and the life. Anyone who believes in me will live, even if he dies. And those who live and believe in me will never die. Do you believe this?’” John 11:25-26 NIV