LESSON-24

Jesus raises Lazarus

Objective *To learn about a powerful miracle showing Jesus power over death.*

There was a village named Bethany near Jerusalem. There lived Lazarus and his two sisters Martha and Mary, in the village. They were very loving and hospitable. They were God-fearing. Whenever Jesus went to Jerusalem, he was welcomed to their house in Bethany.

One day Lazarus fell ill. Day after day his sickness became serious. Martha and Mary knew that Jesus could heal their brother. So they sent a message to Jesus "Lord, your dear friend is 1111

Jesus had great love for Lazarus and his sisters. Still he did not go to them at once. After two days, Jesus said to the disciples:

"Let us go back to Judea. Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep. !will go and wake him up."

By this Jesus meant that Lazarus was dead. But the disciples thought it to be natural sleep. They said: "Lord if Lazarus is asleep, he will get well."

Then Jesus Christ told them clearly that Lazarus was dead. So he said, "Let us go to him:' immediately Thomas said to his friends; 'Let us all go with Jesus, so that we may die with Him." Thomas knew that the Jews

 had planned to stone Jesus. But Jesus was not afraid. They reached Bethany.

Four days had already passed since Lazarus died. He was buried in a tomb. Martha and Mary were very much disappointed. Their neighbors

 tried to comfort them. As soon as Martha heard that Jesus arrived, she ran out to meet Him. She said:

"Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." Jesus said: "Don’t worry your brother will rise to life."

Martha replied:"! know that he will rise to life on the last day'

Then Jesus said to her: "I am the resurrection and the life. Do you believe this?

She answered: "Yes Lord,! do believe".

Mary also went out to meet Jesus. She fell at His feet and cried: 'Lord if you had been here my brother would not have died."

Jesus saw Mary and others weeping. He was moved in the heart. Jesus wept, Jesus asked then,: "Where have you buried him?"

They took him to the tomb. It was dosed with a big stone. Jesus ordered: Remove the stone'

Martha said: Lord four days have passed since he was buried. There will be a bad smell!"

Jesus said to her: *"1* told you that if you believed you would see the glory of God."

They took the stone away. Jesus looked up to heaven and prayed to God. Then he called out in a loud voice: "Lazarus Come Out!"

Wonderful! The dead Lazarus came *out.* His hands and feet were wrapped in grave clothes. Jesus told them: "Untie him and let him go."

They untied Lazarus and he joined his sisters and friends to go home. See how the small house in Bethany once filled with sorrow changed in to a house of celebrant joy!

This lesson teaches us that Jesus has the

power over death. He is able to raise us from death. We must not get disappointed about delays in God's answer. He will do it in His right time.

*Reference: Memory Verse*

John 11:1-44 1 am the resurrection and the life, whoever believes in

me will live, even though he din; (John 11:25)

*1. In which village did Lazarus live?.........................................................*

*2 Who were the sisters of Lazarus? .........................................................*

1. *What message did Mary and Martha send to Jesus? ......................................*
2. *Why did Jesus weep?. . . ................................................................*

*S Where was Lazarus buried'..............................................................*

1. *What did Jesus say to Lazarus? ..........................................................*
2. *After how maydays Jesus raise Lazarus from death'..................................*