

THE RAISING OF LAZARUS

Lesson I.

John 11 : 32-45.—Memory Verses 41-44

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32. Then when Ma'ry was come where Je'sus was, and saw him, she fell down at his feet, saying unto him, Lord, if thou hadst been here, my brother had not died.

33. When Je'sus therefore saw her weeping, and the Jews also weeping which came with her, he grieved in the spirit, and was troubled,

34. And said, Where have ye laid him? They said unto him, Lord, come and see.

35. Je'sus wept.

36. Then said the Jews, Behold how he loved him!

37. And some of them said, Could not this man, which opened the eyes of the blind, have caused that even this man should not have died?

38. Je'sus therefore again groaning in himself cometh to the grave. It was a cave, and a stone lay upon it.

39. Je'sus said, Take ye away the stone. Mar'tha, the sister of him that was dead, saith unto him,

Lord, by this time he stinketh: for he hath been dead four days.

40. Je'sus saith unto her, Said I not unto thee, that, if thou wouldest believe, thou shouldst see the glory of God?

41. Then they took away the stone from the place where the dead was laid. And Je'sus lifted up his eyes, and said, Father, I thank thee that thou hast heard me.

42. And I knew that thou hearest me always: but because of the people which stand by, I said it, that they may believe that thou hast sent me.

43. And when he thus had spoken, he cried with a loud voice, Laz'arus, come forth.

44. And he that was dead came forth, bound hand and foot with grave-clothes: and his face was bound about with a napkin. Je'sus saith unto them, Loose him, and let him go.

45. Then many of the Jews which came to Ma'ry, and had seen the things which Je'sus did, believed on him.

THE LESSON RETOLD

Jesus had other friends besides His twelve disciples. One of the best of these friends was called Lazarus. He lived in Bethany with his two sisters, Mary and Martha. Jesus often rested in their home.

saying, "If only Jesus had been here, our brother had not died."

Everyone felt sorry for Mary and Martha and some of their friends came and sat beside them to comfort them in their trouble.

The two sisters felt sure that Jesus would soon come; so Martha went up the road to meet Him. When she saw Him she said, "Lord, if Thou hadst been here my brother had not died." Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life." Then He said, "Tell Mary to come."

When He saw Mary and their friends crying, Jesus wept, too.

Soon He asked, "Where have you laid him?" They said, "Come and see."

The grave was cut in the rock, and there was a great stone in front of it. When they reached the grave Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha said, "He has been dead four days"; but Jesus said, "Take away the stone," and they took it away.

Then Jesus prayed to His Father in Heaven and called with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come forth," and right away Lazarus got up out of the grave and came to meet them alive.

His face and hands had been wrapped up in cloth. Jesus told them to take the grave clothes off, for they were of no use now.



Once when Jesus was preaching away across the Jordan, He got a message from Mary and Martha that Lazarus was very sick. The same day that the message was sent Lazarus died.

His body was put away in a grave and Martha and Mary felt very sad and lonely. They kept