

Lesson II. **JESUS RAISES LAZARUS FROM THE DEAD** April 8, 1917
—EASTER LESSON

John 11: 17-27, 43, 44. Study John 11: 17-44. *Scripture Memory Verse, Gen. 21: 15.

Golden Text—Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life.—John 11: 25.



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17 Then when Je'sus came, he found that he had *lain* in the grave four days already.

18 Now Beth'any was nigh unto Jeru'salem, about fifteen furlongs off:

19 And many of the Jews came to Mar'tha and Mar'y, to comfort them concerning their brother.

20 Then Mar'tha, as soon as she heard that Je'sus was coming, went and met him: but Mar'y sat *still* in the house.

21 Then said Mar'tha unto Je'sus, Lord, if thou hadst been here, my brother had not died.

22 But I know, that even now, whatsoever thou wilt ask of God, God will give *it* thee.

23 Je'sus saith unto her, Thy brother shall rise again.

24 Mar'tha saith unto him, I know that he shall rise again in the resurrection at the last day.

25 Je'sus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live:

26 And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die. Believest thou this?

27 She saith unto him, Yea, Lord: I believe that thou art the Christ, the Son of God, which should come into the world.

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 graveclothes: and his face was bound about with a napkin. Je'sus saith unto them, Loose him, and let him go.

THE LESSON RETOLD

In the little village of Bethany lived Lazarus and his sisters Mary and Martha. They were very dear friends of Jesus, and he used often to go to their home. They were always so glad when he came to see them.

One day there was great sorrow in that home in Bethany. The brother, Lazarus, was ill, and it was feared that he was dying. The sisters at once thought of Jesus, and sent a messenger to ask him to come to see their brother. They felt sure that Jesus could make him well. Jesus did not go at once, for he meant to do a very wonderful thing, which would show that he was really God's Son.

Every day Mary and Martha watched for

him, but he did not come, and Lazarus died and was buried. Four days afterwards Jesus came to Bethany. When he got near the village, he met people who told him that Lazarus was dead. Many Jews from Jeru'salem came to Mary and Martha to comfort them. Some of them told the sisters that Jesus was on his way to see them. When Martha heard this, she went and met him, but Mary sat still in the house.

As soon as Martha saw Jesus she said, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died, but I know that even now whatever you ask of God he will give it to you." Jesus said, "Your brother shall rise again." Martha believed that all Jesus'

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