

THE SUNDAY PAPER Year A 5th SUNDAY in LENT

During this Lent, we have learned that Jesus, the Messiah, is like water in the desert, and like light to someone who is blind. Now, as we come near to the time when we remember Jesus's death on the cross, we learn that the Messiah is like new life for someone who has died!

NEW LIFE FOR LAZARUS

John 11:1-45

JESUS HAD A FRIEND NAMED LAZARUS. HE LOVED LAZARUS VERY MUCH. ONE DAY, LAZARUS BECAME SICK. SOON, HE DIED!

OUR FRIEND LAZARUS IS SLEEPING. LET'S GO WAKE HIM UP!

BUT MASTER, HE'S BEEN SICK! SHOULDN'T WE LET HIM SLEEP?

LAZARUS IS DEAD. BUT COME WITH ME!

MASTER, YOUR ENEMIES WILL ARREST YOU IF YOU GO BACK THERE!

LAZARUS'S SISTER MARTHA RAN TO MEET JESUS! JESUS, MASTER! (JOHN 11:21)!

TAKE HEART, MARTHA! HE WILL RISE AGAIN!

OH, I KNOW HE WILL, AT THE END OF THE WORLD!

THAT'S NOT WHAT I MEAN...

LISTEN! I AM RESURRECTION, AND I AM LIFE! BELIEVE THIS, AND YOU WILL SEE GOD'S GLORY!

THEN LAZARUS'S OTHER SISTER, MARY, CAME OUT!

WHERE HAVE YOU BURIED HIM?

JESUS WAS CRYING, TOO!

THEY SHOWED JESUS THE TOMB. IT WAS A CAVE WITH A BIG STONE OVER IT. JESUS MADE THEM TAKE AWAY THE STONE!

MASTER - NO! IT'LL SMELL! HE'S BEEN DEAD FOUR DAYS!!

LAZARUS!! COME OUT!!

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Jesus said, "I am resurrection and life!" RESURRECTION means "new life for someone who has died." When Jesus died on the cross, he fought against death and won. His resurrection gives new life to the whole world.

Jesus cried, because he loved Lazarus and his sisters. And he cried because death is a strong enemy. But he fought against death for us, because he loved us so much!

EZEKIEL 37:12
In the valley of dry bones, God says, "I will raise you from your graves, O my people"

PSALM 130:1
"Out of the depths I have called to you, O Lord!"

ROMANS 8:11
"God who raised Jesus from the dead will give life to us also, because his Spirit is in us"