

LAZARUS: helpless!



CAST: Narrator, Jesus, Thomas, other disciples, Mary, Martha

PROPS: 'Door', shroud

NARRATOR:

A friend of Jesus, called Lazarus, was sick.

He lived in Bethany near Jerusalem with his two sisters, Mary and Martha.

They sent a message to Jesus which said:

"Lord, the friend you are fond of is sick."

Actually, Jesus really loved Mary, Martha and Lazarus.

JESUS: This sickness won't end in death but will be to God's glory.

NARRATOR: But Jesus stayed where he was for 2 days, then said to His disciples:

JESUS: Let's go to Judaea again.

DISCIPLES shocked: Teacher! They were trying to stone you and you want to go back there!?

JESUS: Everything is under control. Lazarus sleeps and I'm going to wake him up.

DISCIPLES: If he sleeps he will get better.

JESUS: Lazarus is dead - let's go!

THOMAS: Let's go and die with him.

NARRATOR: By the time Jesus arrived at Bethany, Lazarus had been dead for 4 days. Martha ran out to meet Him.

MARTHA:

Lord, if you'd been here my brother would not have died, but of course God always listens to you.

JESUS: Your brother will rise again.

MARTHA: I know he's going to rise in the end.

JESUS:

"I am the Resurrection and the Life. If you believe in Me, even though you will die, you will live. Whoever lives and believes in Me will never really die."

MARTHA (running back to whisper to Mary):

Jesus has come and is calling for you.

NARRATOR: Mary ran out to meet Jesus and fell at His feet.

MARY: Lord, if you had been here my brother would not have died.

JESUS groaned: Where have you put him?

MARY & MARTHA together: "Lord, come and see."

NARRATOR:

Jesus sobbed as He went to the cave with the stone over it.

JESUS groaned again: Take away the stone.

MARTHA protests: Lord, by now it will stink because he's been dead for 4 days!

JESUS: What did I tell you ?

Lazarus! Come out of there!

NARRATOR:

Lazarus came out, tied up in a shroud.

JESUS: Untie him and let him go.