

# SIGNS & WONDER: Jesus Raises Lazarus from the Dead

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<sup>1</sup>A man named Lazarus was sick. He lived in Bethany with his sisters, Mary and Martha. <sup>2</sup> This is the Mary who later poured the expensive perfume on the Lord's feet and wiped them with her hair. Her brother, Lazarus, was sick. <sup>3</sup> So the two sisters sent a message to Jesus telling him, "Lord, your dear friend is very sick." <sup>4</sup> But when Jesus heard about it he said, "Lazarus's sickness will not end in death. No, it happened for the glory of God so that the Son of God will receive glory from this." <sup>5</sup> So although Jesus loved Martha, Mary, and Lazarus <sup>6</sup> he stayed where he was for the next two days. <sup>7</sup> Finally, he said to his disciples, "Let's go back to Judea." <sup>40</sup> Jesus responded, "Didn't I tell you that you would see God's glory if you believe?" <sup>41</sup> So they rolled the stone aside. Then Jesus looked up to heaven and said, "Father, thank you for hearing me. <sup>42</sup> You always hear me, but I said it out loud for the sake of all these people standing here, so that they will believe you sent me." <sup>43</sup> Then Jesus shouted, "Lazarus, come out!" <sup>44</sup> And the dead man came out, his hands and feet bound in graveclothes, his face wrapped in a headcloth. Jesus told them, "Unwrap him and let him go!"

John 11:1-7, 40-44 NLT

### God is always in control.

But when Jesus heard about it he said, "Lazarus's sickness will not end in death. No, it happened for the glory of God so that the Son of God will receive glory from this."

John 11:4 NLT

#### God will move, but He will move in His timing.

 $^6$  he stayed where he was for the next two days.  $^{11}$  Then he said, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but now I will go and wake him up."

John 11:6, 11 NLT

# God will fulfill His purpose even in our problems.

 $^{14}$  So he told them plainly, "Lazarus is dead.  $^{15}$  And for your sakes, I'm glad I wasn't there, for now you will really believe. Come, let's go see him."

John 11:14-15 NLT

## No problem is too great for God.

<sup>38</sup> Jesus was still angry as he arrived at the tomb, a cave with a stone rolled across its entrance. <sup>39</sup> "Roll the stone aside," Jesus told them. But Martha, the dead man's sister, protested, "Lord, he has been dead for four days. The smell will be terrible." <sup>40</sup> Jesus responded, "Didn't I tell you that you would see God's glory if you believe?" <sup>41</sup> So they rolled the stone aside. Then Jesus looked up to heaven and said, "Father, thank you for hearing me."

John 11:38-41 NLT