

Gospel Reflection

On a brief shore leave from the U.S. Navy early in the 1950's, my husband saw Lazarus' tomb, the place where some traditions state Jesus raised him from the dead. On leaving, his Catholic Arab guide asked him if he had seen Lazarus' other tomb. Already shaken from discovering there were two tombs claimed for Jesus' resurrection, Granville, my husband, asked if this were a "Protestant" tomb in a nearby location. "No", the guide said laughingly, "his other tomb is on the French Riviera. You do know Lazarus died again." He has since enjoyed thinking that Lazarus may have gone to the beach for the rest of his life (as a missionary, so said the guide), and there died as we all must.

Jesus' healing resuscitated, or brought Lazarus back to life. Lazarus was brought back to life in *this* world. This was not his resurrection to eternal life. So we also, in less dramatic ways, experience daily resuscitations in our walk as Christians.

Jesus told Martha, "I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?"

Do we reply with Martha, "Yes, Lord...?"

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KEEPING FAITH FIRST FAMILY FUN

John 11:1-45

E P N B M D O C H I S R C
N N X H G I R E E F N L O
S M O T C E R R U S E R M
G Y V T H O E E Y K F L E
H U A T S Z G G R M P O O
Y B O D B E T H A N Y D U
H R E E R P P R M N S S T
B L V L E U T V C D U N C
N O I H I H O W V I R E N
L B F F A E H F K G A N A
M S U S E J V K C L Z W I
T O M B G H U E J Y A A D
Y N K Z Z G C L Y L L U B

Find these words from the Gospel passage.

BELIEVE	BETHANY	BROTHER
COME OUT	DIE	FOUR DAYS
JESUS	LAZARUS	LIFE
LOVE	MARTHA	MARY
RESURRECT	STONE	TOMB

Disciple's Reflection & Questions of the Week

*Fifth Sunday in Lent
3/9/08*

*John 11:1-45
Faith-Sharing
Questions of the Week*



Our Lady of the Assumption

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Call to Prayer

We begin by calling upon God:

**In the Name of the Father,
and of the Son, and of the
Holy Spirit, Amen.**

*We then pause for a moment to listen with
our hearts to this week's Gospel passage...*

The Word of God: John 11:1-45

The Gospel according to John

The sisters of Lazarus sent word to Jesus, saying "Master, the one you love is ill." When Jesus heard this he said, "This illness is not to end in death, but is for the glory of God, that the Son of God may be glorified through it." Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus. So when he heard that he was ill, he remained for two days in the place where he was. Then after this he said to his disciples, "Let us go back to Judea."

When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went to meet him; but Mary sat at home. Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that whatever you ask of God, God will give you." Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise." Martha said, "I know he will rise, in the resurrection on the last day." Jesus told her, "I am the resurrection and the life: whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" She said to him, "Yes, Lord. I have come to believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, the one who is coming into the world."

He became perturbed and deeply troubled, and said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Sir, come and see." And Jesus wept. So the Jews said, "See how he loved him." But some of them said, "Could not the one who opened the eyes of the blind man have done something so that this man would not have died?"

So Jesus, perturbed again, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone lay across it. Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the dead man's sister, said to him, "Lord, by now there will be a stench; he has been dead for four days." Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believe you will see the glory of God?" So they took away the stone. And Jesus raised his eyes and said, "Father, I thank you for hearing me. I know that you always hear me; but because of the crowd here I have said this, that they may believe that you sent me." And when he had said this, he cried out in a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" The dead man came out, tied hand and foot with burial bands, and his face was wrapped in a cloth. So Jesus said to them, "Untie him and let him go."

Now many of the Jews who had come to Mary and seen what he had done began to believe in him.

The Gospel of the Lord



Faith Sharing

Questions of the Week

- Where have I experienced Jesus' healing in my life?
- Where have I seen Jesus' healing in the life of someone I know?
- Where could I be a source of healing to someone close to me?

Closing Prayer

Father in heaven,

*You have formed us as a people
in the image of your Son. Bless us
with the gift of your kingdom. May
we serve you with our every desire
and show love for one another even
as you have loved us. Grant this
through Christ our Lord.*

Amen.

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