

Lazarus



# R E A D

- You might like to read John 11 1-44 or listen to it [here](#).
- Lazarus is derived from the Hebrew, God has helped.
- Lazarus was the brother of Mary and Martha.
  - He lived in Bethany.
  - He was greatly loved by Jesus.
  - Jesus wept by his tomb.
  - After being dead for four days Jesus raised Lazarus.
- Lazarus was present at the meal in John 12 where Mary poured nard over the feet of Jesus.



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# REFLECT

- You might like to read the passage once more and pause at a word or phrase that strikes you.
- Meditate over this word or phrase with God until you come to a point of stillness.
- What do you sense God's invitation to you might be and how do you want to respond?
- As you finish your time of prayer you might like to thank God for the life, death and resurrection of Lazarus and what God has to teach you through it.
- You might like to close your time of prayer by praying the Lord's Prayer.



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# RESPOND

- At some point this week you might like to pray practically with what you have read about Lazarus.
- You could do this through collage, poetry, bible art journalling, or another creative approach.
- You might like to find a stone to remind you of the stone that blocked the entrance to Lazarus' tomb.
- As you hold the stone you might like to ask God what blocks are there in your life to the freedom Christ offers. How might God be offering to remove or dislodge these blocks?



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Jesus helped in so many ways.  
His company at dinner,  
His conversation where  
We sat and listened.  
Even hospitable Martha  
Declared her upset that she was abandoned in the kitchen  
While the rest of us sat at the feet of the Master.

Yes, God helped.  
God helped when we as a family of siblings  
Were left to dwell together.  
God helped as we negotiated  
Living in a time of Roman rule.  
God helped when I became unwell.

God helped.

God helped once again.  
When I breathed out to breath in no more.  
Jesus, the I am.  
Jesus, the resurrection and the life  
Helped.

He helped encourage people to remove the stone.  
He helped as he called me forth.  
He helped as he instructed my friends to remove the strips  
That bound me.  
Before became after.  
End became beginning.  
Death became life.

God, my Ebenezer, has helped.