

# Jesus Has Power Over Death

## KEY THEME

- God has authority over His creation.

## KEY PASSAGES

- John 11:1–4, 11:11–17, 11:38–45
- Ephesians 2:1, 2:4–5



## What You **HEARD** in the **WORD**

- When Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead, God was glorified, and many people believed that Jesus was sent by God.
- Only Jesus has the power to give people who are dead in their sins spiritual life and eternal life with Him.

Answer these questions from today's lesson.

- 1 What was God's purpose in Lazarus's sickness and death?
- 2 Sinners are born dead in their \_\_\_\_\_. Jesus has power over death.
- 3 What kind of life does Jesus offer sinners who believe in Him for forgiveness?

1) God's glory that sinners would believe. 2) Sin, trespasses. 3) Spiritual or eternal life.



# Read the Word

**Monday** {John 11:22}

What did Martha believe about Jesus?

**Tuesday** {John 11: 27}

What did Martha believe about Jesus?

**Wednesday** {Romans 5:8}

When did Christ die for us?

**Thursday** {John 11:40}

Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead. What did Jesus want the people to see and understand?

**Friday** {John 11:25}

What did Jesus call Himself?

**Saturday** {John 17:3}

Can you say this verse? Recite it to your family.

a b c d e f g h i j k l m n o p q r s t u v w x y z

## Learn the Word

Write the letter that comes before each letter in the box below it.

m	j	g	f

And this is eternal

z	p	v

that they may know

p	o	m	z

true God, and Jesus Christ

t	f	o	u

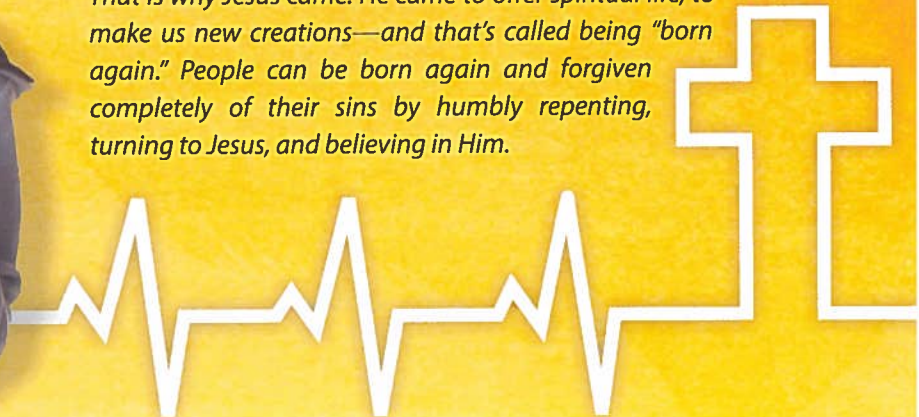
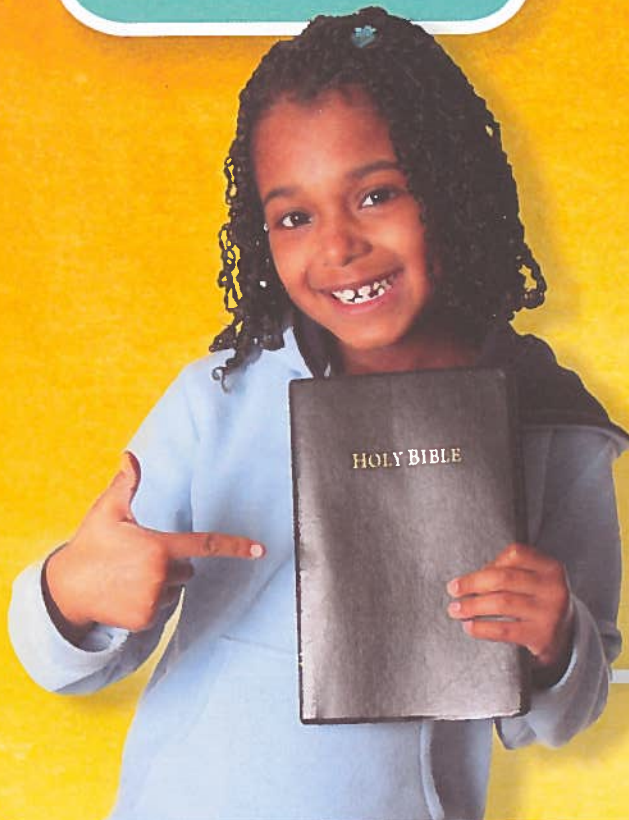
whom You have

**John 17:3**

## LIVE the Word

What if someone asked you what being "born again" means?  
**What could you say?**

*"Born again" means becoming part of God's family. It's different than being born like a baby is born. It's a spiritual birth. If someone hasn't been "born again," the Bible says they are dead in their sins. Apart from God, everyone is dead spiritually. And when someone is dead in sin, the thing they need more than anything else—even physical life—is to be made alive together with Christ—to have spiritual life. That is why Jesus came. He came to offer spiritual life, to make us new creations—and that's called being "born again." People can be born again and forgiven completely of their sins by humbly repenting, turning to Jesus, and believing in Him.*

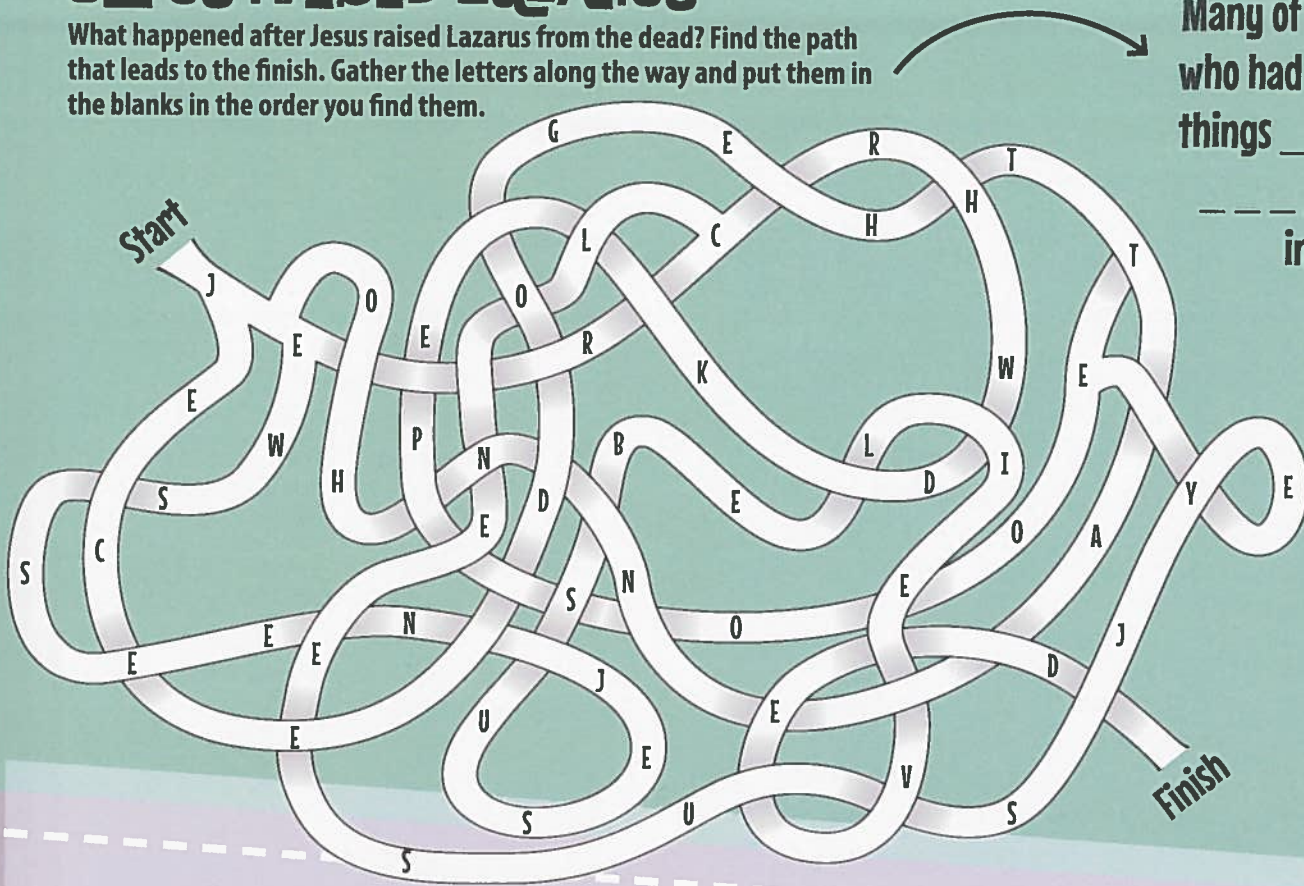


# JESUS RAISED LAZARUS

What happened after Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead? Find the path that leads to the finish. Gather the letters along the way and put them in the blanks in the order you find them.

Many of the \_\_\_\_\_  
who had \_\_\_\_\_ the  
things \_\_\_\_\_ did

\_\_\_\_\_ in Him!



ANSWER: Many of the Jews who had seen the things Jesus did believed in Him.

## CODED SUMMARY

How well do you remember what happened to Lazarus in John 11? Use the key provided to decode the missing words. For each letter given, find it in the crossbars and replace it with the letter opposite, so A becomes D, E becomes G, J becomes K, and so on.

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

- Jesus got a \_\_\_\_\_ that Lazarus was \_\_\_\_\_.  
O G R R D E G R L B J
- Jesus said Lazarus would not \_\_\_\_\_ and that his \_\_\_\_\_ would \_\_\_\_\_ the disciples believe.  
A L G R L B J P G R R F G I N
- When Jesus arrived, Lazarus had been \_\_\_\_\_ days.  
A G D A H M W S
- After the \_\_\_\_\_ was removed from the tomb, Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ that the people would believe that God had \_\_\_\_\_ Him.  
R Q M P G N S D Z G A R G P Q
- Jesus cried out, "Lazarus, \_\_\_\_\_!"  
B M O G H M S Q F

**SNEAK PEEK**  
What did Jesus do to help a hungry crowd of people? Come next week to find out!

## HomeWord

For Parents

**J**esus confirmed who He was by raising the dead—something only the one true living God could do. That is what He did after He received the message that His friend Lazarus was sick (John 11:3). Jesus loved Lazarus and his sisters, Martha and Mary, very much. And Jesus had already shown that He could heal the sick. So, the announcement that Lazarus was sick probably came with a request that Jesus heal him. Jesus assured His disciples that Lazarus would not die (John 11:4). In fact, Jesus knew Lazarus's sickness and death would result in the glory of God—that the Son of God [Jesus] would be glorified through it.

Jesus knew, too, that this miracle would strengthen the disciples' faith in Him (John 11:14–15). And so, Jesus made His way to Bethany. Once there, He called for dead Lazarus to come forth from his grave (John 11:40–43). This was for the glory of God, His Father, and many people believed in Him as a result of this great miracle.

As we consider the raising of Lazarus from the dead, it is good to consider the resurrection from death—in the spiritual sense—that all believers experience when we hear Jesus calling us to follow Him (Matthew 4:19). In Ephesians, Paul says that Jesus made us alive who were once dead in our trespasses and sins (Ephesians 2:1). God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love for us, can make us alive together with Christ even though we are dead in trespasses and sins (Ephesians 2:4–5). God does this through the free gift of grace given to us as a result of faith in the Savior, Jesus Christ (Ephesians 2:8).

This journey from spiritual death to eternal life is available to all who will humbly accept the truth of the gospel and will turn in repentance toward God and in faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ (Acts 20:21).

Go to the Online Resource Page for more information.

## OutWord

For Family Discussion

What if a friend asks you what happened to all the people who died before Jesus came? Are they in heaven or hell? **What would you say?**

*Everyone who is saved by faith in Jesus Christ will go to heaven. Those who lived before Jesus lived were saved by their faith in Jesus because they believed God's promise that a Savior would come. They were looking forward to Jesus. The Law that God put in place with its sacrifices and festivals and commandments pointed those people to Jesus who was yet to come. Those who lived after Jesus were also saved by their faith in the living Jesus Christ. They were looking backward to Jesus. The truth is, anyone who puts their faith in Jesus Christ, as the Scriptures say, will have eternal life and spend eternity in heaven with Him.*

## inWord

For Family Study

“The law of Your mouth is better to me than thousands of coins of gold and silver” (Psalm 119:72). Equip your children to desire God's Word above all else by encouraging your family to memorize and study it. The eternal rewards are priceless.

*Begin with the memory verse in the Learn the Word section inside this handout.*

