

<sup>1</sup> *A certain man, Lazarus, was ill. He was from Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. (<sup>2</sup> This was the Mary who anointed the Lord with fragrant oil and wiped his feet with her hair. Her brother Lazarus was ill.)* <sup>3</sup> *So the sisters sent word to Jesus, saying,*

“Lord, the one whom you love is ill.”

<sup>4</sup> *When he heard this, Jesus said,*

“This illness is not fatal. It is for the glory of God so that God’s Son can be glorified through it.”

<sup>5</sup> *Jesus loved Martha, her sister, and Lazarus. <sup>6</sup> Yet when he heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed where he was. After two days, <sup>7</sup> he said to his disciples,*

“Let us return to Judea again.”

<sup>8</sup> *The disciples replied,*

**“Rabbi, the Jewish opposition wants to stone you, but you want to go back?”**

<sup>9</sup> *Jesus answered,*

“Are there not twelve hours in the day? Whoever walks in the day does not stumble because they see the light of the world. <sup>10</sup> But whoever walks in the night does stumble because the light is not in them.”

<sup>11</sup> *He continued,*

“Our friend Lazarus is sleeping, but I am going in order to wake him up.”

<sup>12</sup> *The disciples said,*

**“Lord, if he is sleeping, he will get well.”**

<sup>13</sup> *They thought Jesus meant that Lazarus was in a deep sleep, but Jesus had spoken about Lazarus’ death.*

<sup>14</sup> *Jesus told them plainly,*

“Lazarus has died. <sup>15</sup> For your sakes, I am glad I was not there so that you can believe. Let us go to him.”

<sup>16</sup> *Then Thomas (the one called the Twin) said to the other disciples,*

**“Let us go too so that we may die with Jesus.”**

<sup>17</sup> *When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days.*

<sup>18</sup> *Bethany was a little less than two miles from Jerusalem. <sup>19</sup> Many Jews had come to comfort Martha and Mary after their brother’s death. <sup>20</sup> When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went to meet him, while Mary remained in the house. <sup>21</sup> Martha said to Jesus,*

“Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. <sup>22</sup> Even now I know that whatever you ask God, God will give you.”

<sup>23</sup> *Jesus told her,*

“Your brother will rise again.”

<sup>24</sup> *Martha replied,*

“I know that he will rise in the resurrection on the last day.”

<sup>25</sup> *Jesus said to her,*

“I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me will live, even though they die. <sup>26</sup> Everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?”

<sup>27</sup> *She replied,*

“Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Christ, God’s Son, the one who is coming into the world.”

<sup>28</sup> *After she said this, she went and spoke privately to her sister Mary,*

“The teacher is here and he is calling for you.”

<sup>29</sup> *When Mary heard this, she got up quickly and went to Jesus. <sup>30</sup> He had not entered the village but was still in the place where Martha had met him. <sup>31</sup> When the Jews who were comforting Mary in the house saw her get up quickly and leave, they followed her. They assumed she was going to mourn at the tomb.*

<sup>32</sup> *When Mary arrived where Jesus was and saw him, she fell at his feet and said,*

“Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.”

<sup>33</sup> *When Jesus saw her crying and the Jews who had come with her crying also, he was deeply disturbed and troubled. <sup>34</sup> He asked,*

“Where have you laid him?”

*They replied,*

“Lord, come and see.”

<sup>35</sup> *Jesus began to cry. <sup>36</sup> The Jews said,*

**“See how much he loved him!”**

<sup>37</sup> *But some of them said,*

**“He healed the eyes of the man born blind. Could he not have kept Lazarus from dying?”**

<sup>38</sup> *Jesus was deeply disturbed again when he came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone covered the entrance. <sup>39</sup> Jesus said,*

“Remove the stone.”

*Martha, the sister of the dead man, said,*

“Lord, the smell will be awful! He has been dead four days.”

<sup>40</sup> *Jesus replied,*

“Did I not tell you that if you believe, you will see God’s glory?”

<sup>41</sup> *So they removed the stone. Jesus looked up and said,*

“Father, thank you for hearing me. <sup>42</sup> I know you always hear me. I say this for the benefit of the crowd standing here so that they will believe that you sent me.”

<sup>43</sup> *Having said this, Jesus shouted with a loud voice,*

“Lazarus, come out!”

<sup>44</sup> *The dead man came out, his feet bound and his hands tied, and his face covered with a cloth. Jesus said to them,*

“Untie him and let him go.”

<sup>45</sup> *Therefore, many of the Jews who came with Mary and saw what Jesus did believed in him.*