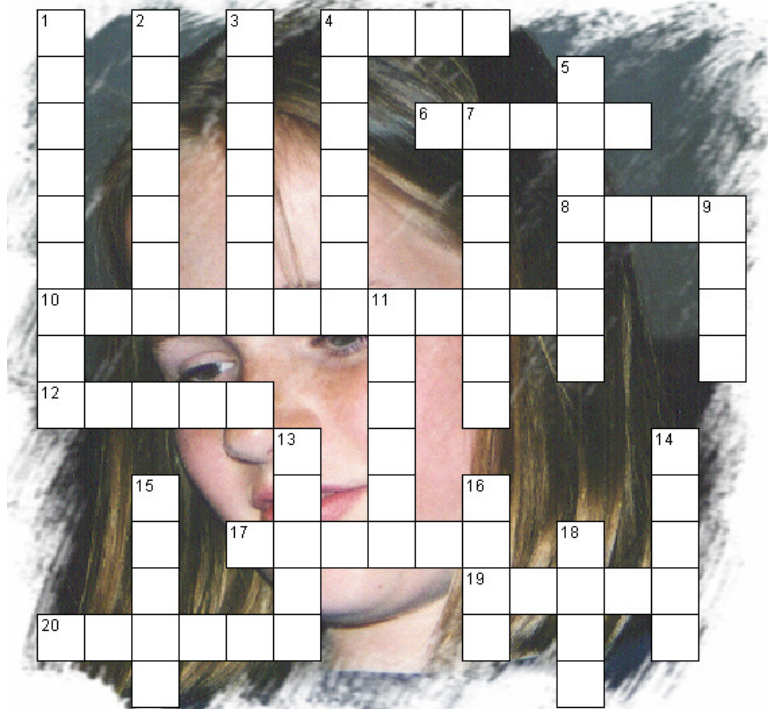


Crossword Puzzle



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| <p>4. Martha's sister.
6. Jesus ____ Lazarus and his sisters.
8. Some knew that the Lord could ____ various sicknesses.
10. "I am the _____ and the life."
12. Jesus told Martha that He was going to ____ Lazarus from the dead.
17. Mary's sister.
19. The Lord asked that the ____ which sealed the tomb be rolled away.
20. Martha told the Lord "by now he smells for it is the ____ day..."</p> | <p>1. Jesus is the _____ of death.
2. The one whom Jesus raised.
3. Jesus is able to conquer even a _____ enemy of man - death.
4. Raising Lazarus is perhaps the greatest _____ in the gospels.
5. Where Lazarus lived.
7. Martha expressed her _____.
9. "I am the resurrection and the ____."
11. Jesus.
13. The greater enemy of man.
14. We should not believe that death has the ultimate _____.
15. Christ.
16. Martha knew about the resurrection on the ____ day.
18. Lazarus has been dead for ____ days.</p> |
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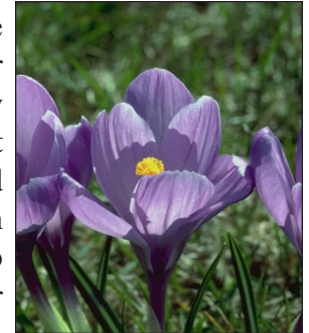
The Ministry of the Lord Jesus

- Lesson Sixteen -

Raising the Dead – Raising Lazarus

I. Overview.

Lazarus had died. In fact, he had been dead and buried for four days. There were many Jews gathered in Bethany, at the house where Martha and Mary had lived with their brother Lazarus. When the Lord Jesus arrived, Martha said to him, "If you had been here, my brother would not have died."



The Lord Jesus has the power to conquer not only sickness, but also death.

Jesus, indeed could have come earlier. But Jesus knew what He was doing. He actually waited until Lazarus had died before He came. He did this to show the people that He Himself is the resurrection life. He went to the tomb and asked for the stone to be rolled away. Martha, again spoke to the Lord, indicating that Lazarus, having been dead four days had begun to smell bad. The Lord Jesus cried out with a loud voice "Lazarus, come out!" And Lazarus rose and came out, still in the cloths he had been wrapped in for burial. Everyone was amazed. Some believed.

II. Memory Verse.

"Jesus said to her, I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes into Me, even if he should die, shall live."

(John 11:25)

III. Lessons.

In the four gospels, the raising of Lazarus from the dead is perhaps the greatest miracle performed upon man by the Lord Jesus. Even though the Lord loved Lazarus and his sisters very much, He did not come immediately when He heard that Lazarus was sick. He did this purposely. Some had seen that the Lord Jesus could heal various sicknesses. But no one knew that He could conquer an even greater enemy of man – death.



**The Lord Jesus Himself
is the resurrection
and the life.**

Human Opinions Frustrate the Lord

Since no one knew the Lord's ability to conquer death, there were many human opinions expressed that became frustrations to the Lord. Martha, Lazarus' brother, took the lead to express her opinion and unbelief. She told the Lord that if He

had come when He first heard of Lazarus' sickness, that he would not have died. This showed that she knew He could heal the sick, but did not believe that he could raise the dead.

Later, when the Lord asked that the stone that sealed the tomb be removed, Martha again expressed her opinion. She told Him, "Lord, by now he smells, for it is the fourth day that he is there." She believed in the power of death more than the power of the Lord's resurrection.

Jesus Christ is the Resurrection and the Life

After the Lord arrived at Bethany, but before He went to the tomb, He had another conversation with Martha. He told her that he was going to raise Lazarus from the dead. She said to

Him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection in the last day". She had no idea that the Lord was going to raise him right away. The Lord Jesus then said to her "I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes in Me, even if he should die, he shall live."

The Lord Jesus, however, had compassion on the suffering people, even weeping with them. He then called out to Lazarus "Lazarus, I say to you arise!", and Lazarus came out of the tomb. He proved to those who were full of doubts and opinions that He was indeed the resurrection and the life. We should not fear death or believe that it has ultimate power. The Lord Jesus Himself is the conquerer of death.

--- QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION ---

1. Who lived in the house in Bethany?

2. Why did the Lord delay before He came to Bethany even though He knew that Lazarus was very sick?

3. What opinions did Martha express?

4. What did the Lord say about Himself?

