

# SUNDAY GOSPEL ACTIVITIES

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5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent

John 11:1-45

The Gospel today contains a powerful story of the death and resurrection of Lazarus. Jesus first weeps at the loss of His friend Lazarus. He is sad with those who are grieving the loss of their brother and friend. In fact, John says that Jesus wept. Losing someone we love to death is very sad for those of us on earth.

But the story doesn't end there! Just like Jesus' death doesn't end there, neither does Lazarus'. Jesus uses this moment to teach Mary and Martha (and all of those gathered) that He is the Resurrection and the Life. Jesus then raises Lazarus from the dead—after he had been dead for days!

Can you imagine witnessing this miracle? Just like Jesus wept with those who were sad at Lazarus' death, so He is with us in our sufferings and sorrows. And as He brings hope and joy to those at Lazarus' tomb that day, He wants to bring hope and joy to us as well! When we place our trust in Jesus, He will never fail us.

### Activities:

- Gather with your family and read the Gospel passage. Consider acting it out. How do you think Martha and Mary felt at different times in this event?
- What would you say to Jesus if he were sitting beside you today? Jesus is right here with you, as He was with his friends in this Gospel. Take a moment to pray to Him about all the things in your heart.
- Consider writing a note or a letter to someone you are missing! Send it by email or even old-fashioned snail mail!

