

**Nurturing Faith...**  
*Every Day in Every Way*



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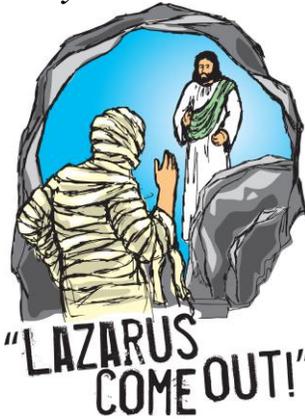
**Fifth Sunday in Lent**

*Ezekiel 37:1-14*

*Psalm 130*

*Romans 8:6-11*

*John 11:1-45*



**A Saviour Who Weeps.** *Object: None.*

Do you ever cry? Of course you do. Even you big strong boys sometimes cry -- even though someone may try to tell you that "big boys don't cry." I made a list of some things that make us cry. Have you ever fallen off your bicycle and hurt yourself so badly that you cried? Have you ever slipped and fallen while carrying a tray of food in the school cafeteria, and though you weren't hurt, you were so embarrassed that you cried? Have you ever moved to a new school where you didn't know anyone and you were so lonely that you cried? Has anyone ever said something mean and hurt your feelings so badly that you cried? Have you ever had a friend that was crying, so you just cried along with them? I think that we all could answer, "yes" to at least one of these questions. We all cry, don't we?

Did you know that Jesus cried? What made Jesus cry? I know of at least one thing that made Jesus cry.

The Bible tells us that Jesus cried when friends of his were hurting. Jesus had a friend named Lazarus who became very sick. His sisters, Mary and Martha, sent word to Jesus and asked him to come and heal Lazarus, but when Jesus arrived, Lazarus had already died. The Bible tells us that when Jesus saw Mary weeping because her brother had died, he cried too. That isn't all that Jesus did -- listen to what happened next.

Jesus went with Mary and Martha and some others to visit the grave where Lazarus was buried. It was a cave with a large stone across the entrance. When they arrived at the tomb, Jesus said to some of the men who were with them, "Take away the stone." Then Jesus called in a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" And Lazarus walked out of the grave. I imagine that when she saw that, Mary's tears of sadness turned to tears of joy.

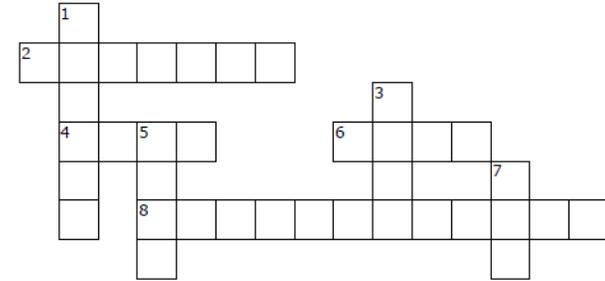
We all cry, and I am glad that we have a Savior who weeps too. I am glad that he loves us so much that he hurts when we are hurting. He feels our pain. He sees our tears.

Dear Jesus, it is comforting to know that when we cry, you cry with us. But it is even more comforting to know that you have power over death and the grave and that one day we will be in heaven with you -- and then there will be no more tears. Amen.

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**Gospel Acclamation:** I am the resurrection and the life, whoever believes in me will never die. (John 11:25, 26)

# Crossword Puzzle



**ACROSS**

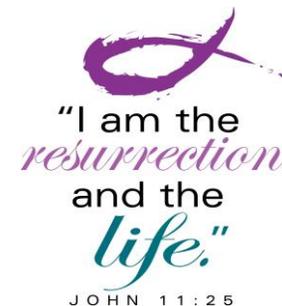
- 2. A man that Jesus raised from the dead
- 4. A place where someone is buried
- 6. To be physically ill; not well or healthy
- 8. Rising from the dead or returning to life

**DOWN**

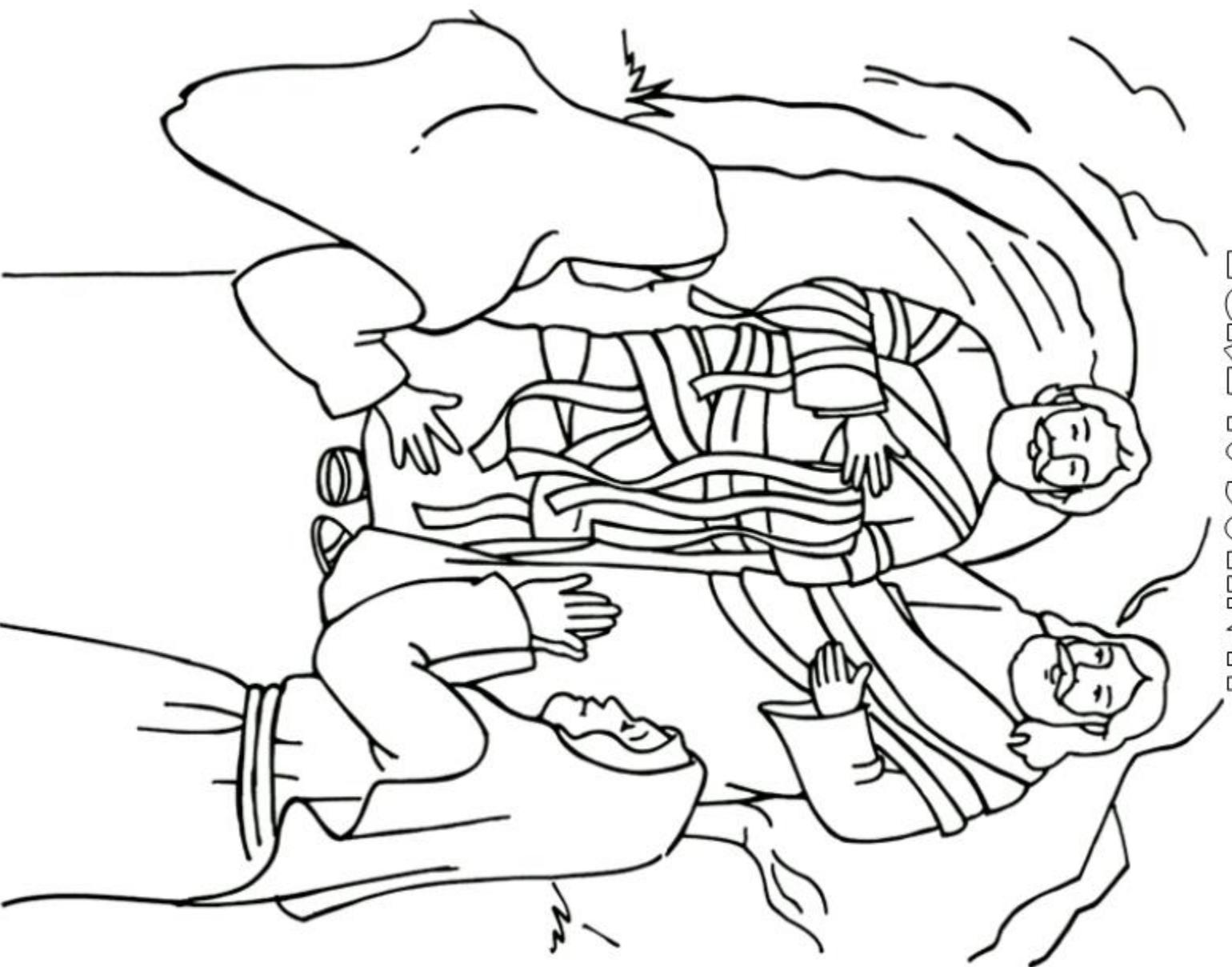
- 1. One of Lazarus' two sisters
- 3. To be alive or have life
- 5. Woman who poured perfume on Jesus and wiped his feet with her hair
- 7. To stop living

TOMB	MARTHA	DIE	MARY
LIVE	RESURRECTION	LAZARUS	SICK

**NO MORE TEARS ART:** Give the child a piece of paper that has several tracings of tear drops on the paper. At the top, the child can write NO MORE TEARS IN HEAVEN. Encourage the child to turn each drawing of a tear drop into a picture of a happy face.



# JESUS RAISES LAZARUS. LUKE 10 JOHN 11



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