

More Than Hearing Worksheet

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Text: John 11:1-45

Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. 2 Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. 3 So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, "Lord, he whom you love is ill." 4 But when Jesus heard it, he said, "This illness does not lead to death; rather it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it." 5 Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, 6 after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was.

7 Then after this he said to the disciples, "Let us go to Judea again." 8 The disciples said to him, "Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?" 9 Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble, because they see the light of this world. 10 But those who walk at night stumble, because the light is not in them." 11 After saying this, he told them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him." 12 The disciples said to him, "Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be alright." 13 Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. 14 Then Jesus told them plainly, "Lazarus is dead. 15 For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him." 16 Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, "Let us also go, that we may die with him."

Jesus the Resurrection and the Life

17 When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. 18 Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, 19 and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. 20 When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. 21 Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. 22 But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him." 23 Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." 24 Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." 25 Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, 26 and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" 27 She said to him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world."

Jesus Weeps

28 When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her privately, "The Teacher is here and is calling for you." 29 And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. 30 Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. 31 The Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. 32 When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." 33 When Jesus saw her

weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was **greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved**. 34 He said, “Where have you laid him?” They said to him, “Lord, **come and see.**” 35 **Jesus began to weep.** 36 So the Jews said, “See how he loved him!” 37 But some of them said, “Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?”

Jesus Raises Lazarus to Life

38 Then Jesus, **again greatly disturbed**, came to the tomb. **It was a cave**, and a stone was lying against it. 39 Jesus said, “Take away the stone.” Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, “Lord, **already there is a stench** because **he has been dead four days.**” 40 Jesus said to her, “Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?” 41 So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, “Father, **I thank you for having heard me.** 42 I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this **for the sake of the crowd** standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.” 43 When he had said this, he **cried with a loud voice**, “Lazarus, come out!” 44 **The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth.** Jesus said to them, “**Unbind him, and let him go.**”

The Plot to Kill Jesus

45 Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did, **believed in him.**

Eye - I/S, Music - I/S, Nature - I, People - I/S, Self - I/S

Smarts	Images in the text/ interesting exegesis	Illustrations	SFX
Word - Verbal/Linguistic			
Eye - Visual/Spatial MWD	At the beginning of this chapter, Jesus is across the Jordan where John had been baptizing - roughly 10+ miles to the east of Bethany. Roughly 4 hours walk at a leisurely pace.	The death and rising of Lazarus is like a double exposure photo with Jesus’ death and resurrection	The Fourth Gospel has a LOT of movement in it; Jesus is always going somewhere. There is a lot of movement in this passage, too. Ironically, Jesus begins by NOT going anywhere. An interesting visual for this passage would be to put together a flow chart of everyone’s movements. It would get pretty messy with lines crossing.
Math - Logical/Mathematical	Vs. 8 - just got away and now going back?	Going back into danger after just getting out, often to retrieve a fallen buddy is a situation used frequently in movies and TV to heighten drama.	When does the logic of safety/security supercede the desire to act? When does the need to act supercede safety/security? How does one tell them

	Vs. 25 - substitute the word "trust" for "believe"	<p>Thomas' response (vs 16) to go along and die with Jesus is another one.</p> <p>The Greek word for faith derives from the word for be persuaded. You are persuaded when you decide to trust. Utilizing a different translation can alter the meaning of a sentence. In this case, it shifts the locus of decision making from solely the heart or the head to a point in between the two.</p>	<p>apart?</p> <p><i>Engaging in analysis sparks the Math/Logic smart brain.</i></p> <p><i>People smart can also be engaged with these questions since they involve considering the importance of relationships to make a decision.</i></p>
Body - Kinesthetic		Vss. 9-10 - walking through your kid's room at night and stepping on legos	
Musical D2		<p>"Lazarus Dies Again" by Darrell Scott</p> <p>"I Am the Resurrection and the Life" - favorite for youth ministry in the 1970s!</p>	<p>Martha and Mary both lament to Jesus re: his absence, so write a lament or invite people to write one about experiencing God's/Jesus's absence in their lives</p> <p>See also Self</p>
Natural MWD		<p>Vss. 9-10 John again uses light and dark as metaphors for the decision people have made about Jesus - their orientation toward him. To illustrate this, show how plants turn toward the light - heliotropism.</p> <p>A very detailed and enlightening article about human decomposition. The last two paragraphs are worth the read.</p>	
People - Interpersonal D2	<p>So much!!</p> <p>Vs. 19 - coming to console M&M</p>	<p>The Laying on of Food</p> <p>Here are some really good ideas for helping out -</p>	<p>Vs. 44 - Break into groups and discuss this verse: if you had been one of those in attendance, what would</p>

	<p>Vs 44 - unbind him and let him go</p>	<p>read the comments, really!</p> <p>Some more tips/ideas</p> <p>This website is entirely devoted to helping out! Take Them a Meal</p> <p>Jesus works the miracle, others finish it by receiving Lazarus back.</p>	<p>you do with this instruction? Step right up or hang back a bit? How would you feel seeing a dead man walking? How would you relate to Lazarus in the following days? To Mary and Martha? After Jesus is crucified and risen? How does being “loosed” or “unbound” reflect your experience of the gospel, or vice versa?</p>
<p>Self - Intrapersonal MWD</p>	<p>Vss. 3, 5, 33, 35 - all show the depth of Jesus’ relationship with Lazarus, Martha, and Mary</p> <p>There are so many feels in this passage! Grief, sorrow, anger, hope, skepticism, fear, courage. FTG: only here is Jesus troubled & disturbed in John; Laz rising from the grave will put Jesus in the grave (v. 53)</p>	<p>A good friend meme Another one One with wine John 15:15 (CEV)</p>	<p>Have you ever considered Jesus to be a best friend? Have you ever considered your best friend as Jesus?</p> <p>Jesus in v. 33: KHAN!</p>