

Kids' Chronicle

Jesus raises Lazarus from the dead

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Jesus had been spending the night with several of his disciples in a room that friends provided, when a messenger came to the door.

"Who is it you seek?" asked John, who had answered the messenger's call.

"I have a message for Jesus," the messenger said. "I was told I could find him here."

"He is sleeping," John replied. "Today we spent many hours walking, and tomorrow many more."

"It is urgent that I speak with him. I..."

Jesus appeared next to John. "Come in," he said to the messenger. "Tell me the news you bring."

"I have been sent by Mary and Martha," the messenger replied. "Their brother, Lazarus, is sick. They fear he may die. Will you come?"

"There is no need to fear the death of Lazarus," Jesus said. "His sickness will bring glory to my Father in heaven. Deliver that message to Mary and Martha, whom I love as my own sisters."

The messenger left and Jesus stayed with his disciples. "We must remain here for a short time and then we will visit Lazarus."

Two days later, Jesus called his disciples together. "We must return to Bethany, where Lazarus lives."

Thomas cautioned, "My Lord, it was in Bethany where you were threatened with stones. Is it wise to go back so soon?"

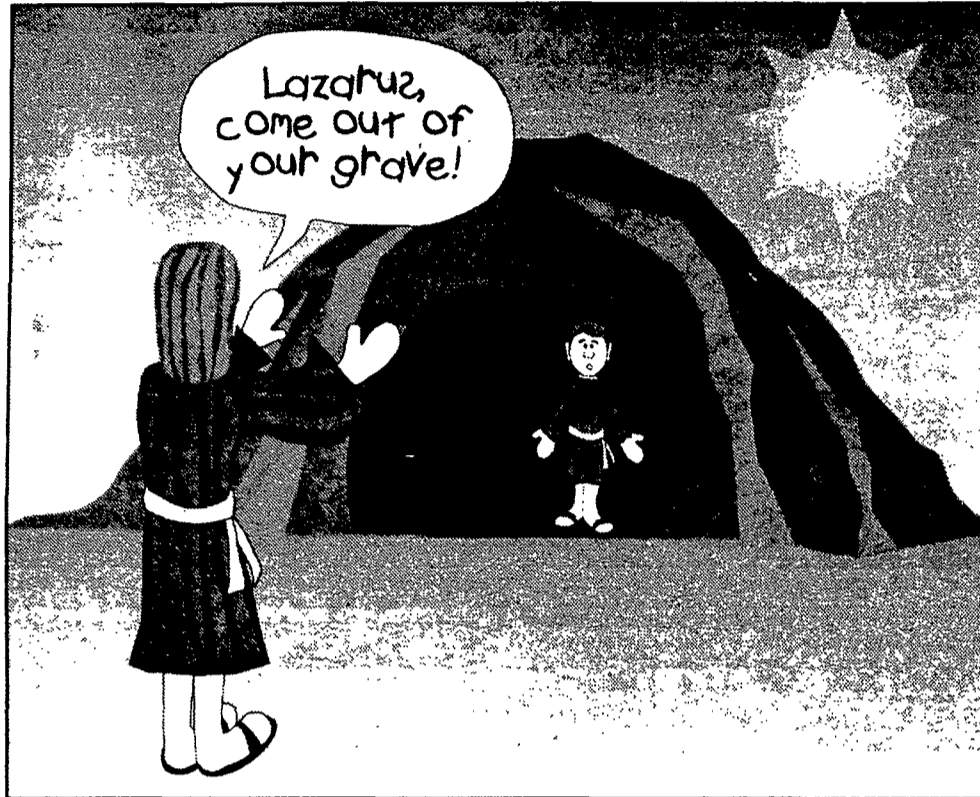
"Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep," Jesus said. "We must wake him."

"Asleep?" Thomas asked.

"Lazarus is dead," Jesus answered. "Let us go to him that you may believe in my Father's power."

When news spread that Jesus was close to Bethany, Martha went to meet him.

"My brother is dead," she said, "but I know that there is nothing greater than the power of God."



"I am the resurrection," Jesus said. "I am the life. Anyone who believes in me will have eternal life, even though his body may die. Do you believe in me, Martha?"

"I believe you are the promised Messiah," she said.

"Take me to the tomb of Lazarus," Jesus said.

Jesus was led to a tomb in which Lazarus had been sealed for several days.

"Move the stone and open the grave," Jesus ordered.

After the tomb had been opened, Jesus looked up into heaven and prayed. "Father, hear my prayer and answer me so that these people will see your power

and feel your love."

Jesus raised his arms and called into the tomb, "Lazarus, come out of your grave!"

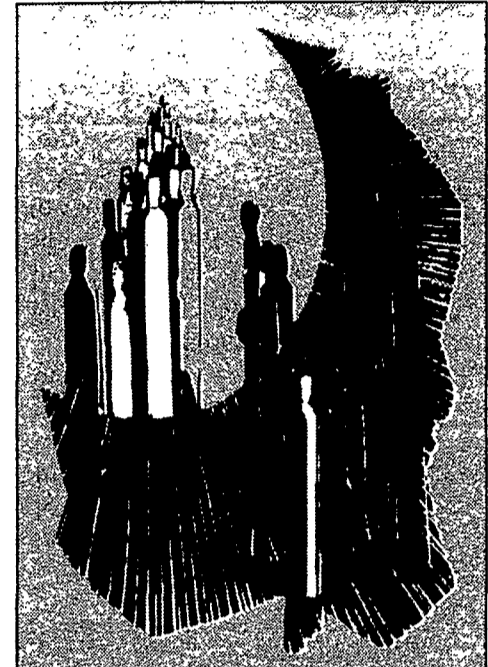
Before the staring eyes of everyone present, Lazarus, still wrapped in his burial clothing, walked out of the darkness of the tomb into the bright sun of the afternoon.

Read more about it:

John 11

Q&A

1. What message did Jesus receive?
2. How did Jesus help Lazarus?



Bible Accent

Throughout the ages, the church has declared certain men and women as saints. The lives of these individuals are meant as examples for Catholics everywhere. These holy men and women helped the poor and needy, obeyed God in spite of hardships and were used by God to perform miraculous acts. Some of them, called martyrs, gave their lives for the Lord.

According to the Catechism of the Catholic Church, by declaring these people to be saints, the church proclaims "that they practiced heroic virtue and lived in fidelity to God's grace."

Let us all set aside some time each month to reflect on the deeds and dedication of these Christians who have gone before us.

St. Jude

St. Jude was one of the original Apostles of Jesus. The Gospels according to Matthew and Mark refer to him by the name Thaddeus.

The Letter of Jude, the shortest book of the New Testament, was for a long time attributed to St. Jude. Scholars now believe, though, it was written by another Jude mentioned in the Gospels as a relative of Jesus, and not the Apostle.

After the Holy Spirit filled the Christians on Pentecost, St. Jude is believed to have traveled as a missionary. He gave his life in service to God.

St. Jude is the patron saint of hopeless causes. We honor him on Oct. 28.

Bible Trivia

Which saint is also recognized as being the first pope?

Send your answer to Catholic Courier Bible Trivia, P.O. Box 24379, Rochester, N.Y. 14624-0379. Include your name, address, school and grade.

All entries must be received by Nov. 13, 1997. The winner — selected at random from all correct answers received — will receive a Kids' Chronicle T-shirt.

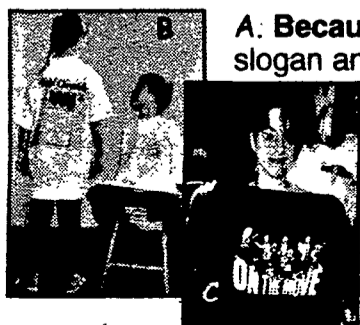
Last month's winner was Alice Hallahan, a third-grade student at Honeoye Falls Manor School. She correctly identified that "gospel" means "good news."

Puzzle

Answer on page 8.

If 1=A, 2=B, 3=C, and so on, decode the following familiar sentence.

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