Lazarus felt ill.

Lazarus felt soooooo ill.

His sisters, Mary and Martha, were worried about him

“I know” said Mary, “let’s tell Jesus! He’s our friend and he’ll want to help”

So they sent a message to Jesus who was a long way away.

Jesus got their message

“Lazarus is ill. Lazarus is sooooooo ill”

So Jesus decided to go and see Lazarus

But not right away.

Jesus decided to stay where he was for not 1 but 2 more days

Then he told his friends he was going to see Lazarus.

\*Gasp\*

“You can’t go back there!” said his friends “last time we were there people tried to kill you”

“I’m going” said Jesus

And all his friends went with him.

“Lazarus has fallen asleep” Jesus told his friends, “but I’m going to wake him up.”

“That’s great!” said his friends “If he’s sleeping then he’ll get better!”

Normally Jesus friends would have been right about that but

“No” said Jesus “Lazarus is dead.”

Jesus was right:

Lazarus had gotten so ill he had died.

So how on earth was Jesus going to wake him up?!

When Jesus got to Mary and Martha’s

 Lazarus had been dead for not 1, not 2, not 3, but 4 whole days!

They had put his body in the tomb

 And wrapped it with spices and perfumes to keep the bad smells away.

Martha went to see Jesus.

“If you’d been here” said Martha “than my brother wouldn’t have died.”

“Your brother will be alive again” said Jesus

“I know” said Martha “One day everyone will come back to life to meet God,

Lazarus will come back to life then.”

Jesus smiled at her

“I am the one who can **rescue** people from death.I am true life” he said “do you trust me?”

“I do trust you” she said.

 And they went to the tomb where Lazarus had been buried.

Jesus cried.

“Look how said he is” said all the people. “Look how much he misses Lazarus.”

Jesus looked at the tomb

 It was a cave with a huge stone rolled in front of it

Jesus said “Take away the stone”

Martha said “He’s been dead not 1, not 2, not 3 but 4 whole days

 There is going to be a really bad smell.”

And they moved the stone

 And there was a really bad smell – PHEWEE

And Jesus shouted:

 “LAZARUS! COME OUT OF THERE!

And out of the tomb,

Where Lazarus has been dead for not 1, not 2, not 3 but 4 whole days,

 Out walks Lazarus

 Alive and well.

What Jesus had said was true

He really was the one who could **rescue** from death

And one day he would **rescue** everyone who trusted him.