



JESUS Works Miracles

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From Matthew 14:13–33 and John 11:1–45.

While Jesus was on the earth, He worked many miracles that showed His power as the Son of God.

One day, a large crowd of people followed Jesus into the desert. They brought their loved ones who were sick, and Jesus healed all who came to Him. The people stayed all day to be close to Jesus and to hear Him teach.

When evening came, Jesus's Apostles told Him that the people needed to eat. No one had any food, except for one boy who had **five loaves of bread and two fishes**. Perhaps they should send all the people back to the villages so they could eat.

Jesus told the disciples to have the people sit down on the grass, and they would be fed. The Apostles were astonished. There were 5,000 men, plus women and children. How could they feed all those people? But the Apostles did as Jesus commanded them. They broke the boy's bread and fishes into pieces and put them in 12 baskets.

The baskets of food were passed around the crowd. Everyone ate and felt full, and yet when they were done, more food was left in the baskets than when they began. It was a miracle. The

Loaves and Fishes

The thousands of people who were fed with five loaves and two fishes saw Jesus's kindness and His power to work miracles.



people understood that Jesus Christ had the power to help them.

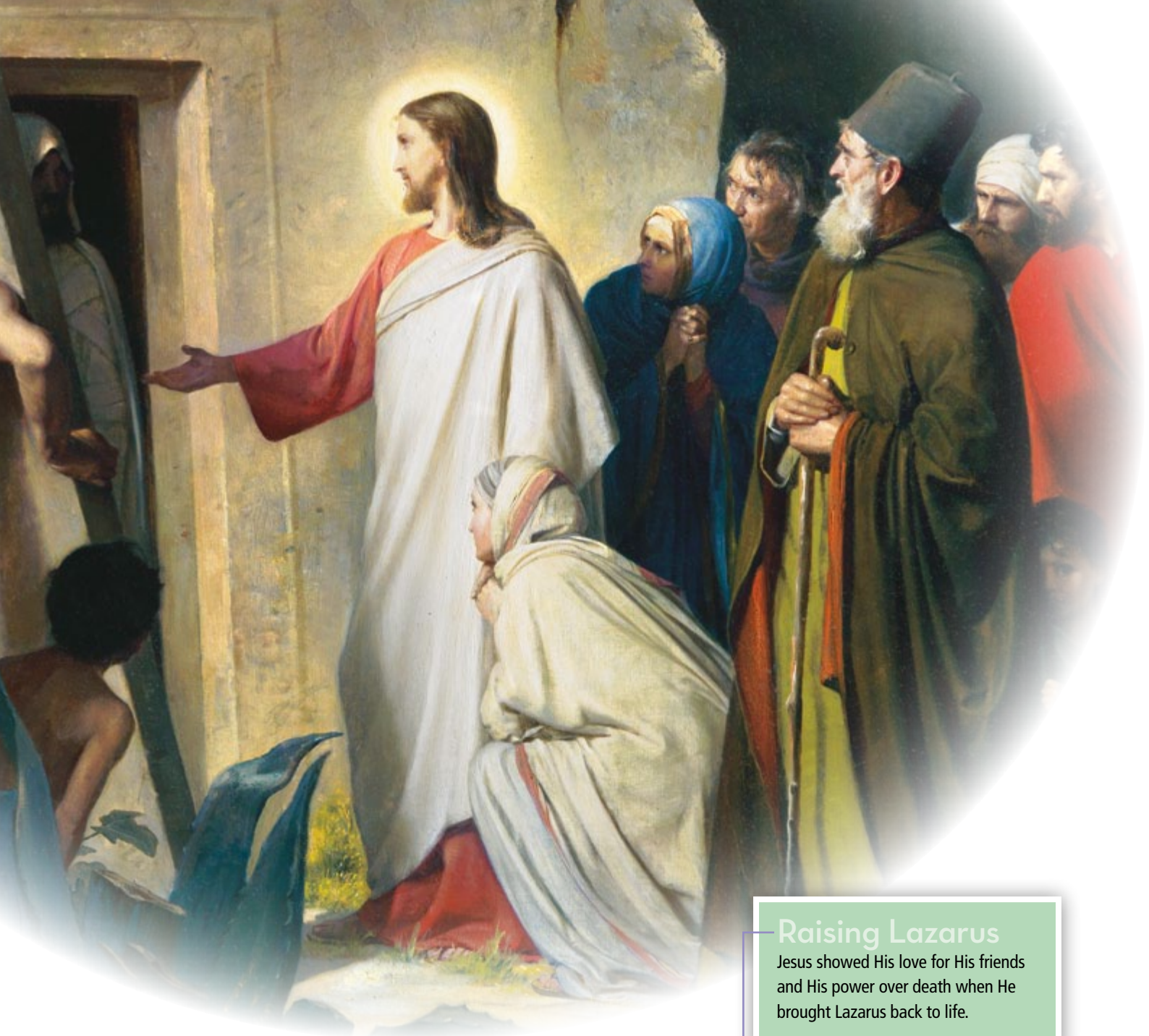
Later that night, Jesus sent His Apostles to the Sea of Galilee to get on a ship while He went alone to a mountain to pray. In the late hours of the night, the winds blew and waves tossed the ship. The worried Apostles saw someone coming toward them on the water, and they cried out in fear.

Jesus spoke to them. "It is I; be not afraid." Jesus

Faith and Miracles

When the Apostle Peter saw Jesus walking on the water, he wanted to try too. Peter took a few steps, but he became afraid and sank into the water. Jesus reached out and saved Peter and told him he needed more faith.





Raising Lazarus

Jesus showed His love for His friends and His power over death when He brought Lazarus back to life.

had walked across the stormy sea to get to the ship. It was a miracle. The Apostles knew Jesus was the Son of God.

Sometime later, Jesus got word that His friend Lazarus was very sick. Lazarus's sisters asked for Jesus to come to Bethany to heal him. By the time Jesus had traveled to Bethany, Lazarus had already died. Mary and Martha were

weeping. "Lord, if thou hadst been here, my brother had not died," Martha said.

Jesus went with many people to the [tomb of Lazarus](#). He asked that the stone be taken from the door. The people said that Lazarus had been dead for four days. But Jesus insisted, and the stone was moved. Jesus spoke with a loud voice and said, "Lazarus, come forth."

Lazarus came out of the tomb with his burial clothes still wrapped around him. He was alive again! It was a miracle that taught the people that Jesus was the Savior, who had power over death.

The miracles Jesus performed showed His love for the people. They showed His power as the Son of God and Redeemer of the World. ♦