

The Raising of Lazarus

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"Let the little children come to me, and do not forbid them, for to such is the Kingdom of Heaven." Mark 10:14

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Choosing seats

Do you ever get to choose where you sit?

Maybe when you come into your classroom or on the bus, or even at church, you choose where you want to sit. You might want to sit near your friends, or near a window, or even in the back (where your teacher can't see you!).



In the Gospel reading today, the disciples ask Jesus if they can sit next to Him in heaven. Being right next to Jesus in heaven would be the greatest thing ever, wouldn't it? Nothing could be better than that! In a way, the disciples James and John wanted to choose their seats. They wanted to sit next to their friend!

But what James and John asked was a really big deal, and even Jesus said, "You do not know what you are asking." And Jesus said, where you sit in heaven, "is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared." That's because, even in heaven, God assigns us our seat. God decides who is closest to Him. But we know that God is always fair, and He chooses who deserves to be with Him.

We love the Lord, so let's always try to be close to Him! And let's pray that one day, He will give us a seat with Him in heaven.

WORD SEARCH

Can you find these words in the jumble?

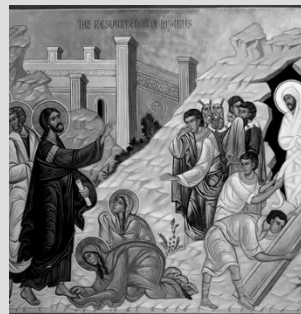
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- Fair
- Faithful
- Great Lent
- Heaven
- Humility
- James and John
- Lazarus
- Mary of Egypt
- Miracle
- Seat

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WHAT'S IN AN ICON?

In our Church, we remember lots of faithful women named Mary!

Today we remember Saint Mary of Egypt. On Saturday, we remember Lazarus and his faithful sisters (Mary and Martha).



LAZARUS, COME OUT! SAINT LAZARUS OF BETHANY

Do you remember the story of Lazarus? Lazarus was a good friend of Jesus. He became sick and died. His sisters, Mary and Martha, were very, very sad, and they went to tell Jesus that their brother had died. They knew that only He could help!



Four days after Lazarus died, Jesus came, and He called His friend out of the tomb. "Lazarus, come out!" He said. And He raised Lazarus from the dead. Lazarus was alive again! This was an amazing miracle, because it showed everybody that Jesus was God. Only God could raise somebody from the dead!

But what happened to St. Lazarus after that? After Jesus died and rose from the dead, Lazarus was in trouble! Some people wanted to kill him because he was on Jesus's side.



Lazarus left and went to the island of Cyprus. He became a bishop there, and helped build up the Christian church in Cyprus.

If you go to Cyprus someday, you can even see and pray in front of the tomb of St. Lazarus. This is his second tomb. His first tomb

The holy relics of Saint Lazarus, in Cyprus in Bethany (in the Holy Land) is empty!

We celebrate St. Lazarus on the Saturday before Palm Sunday!