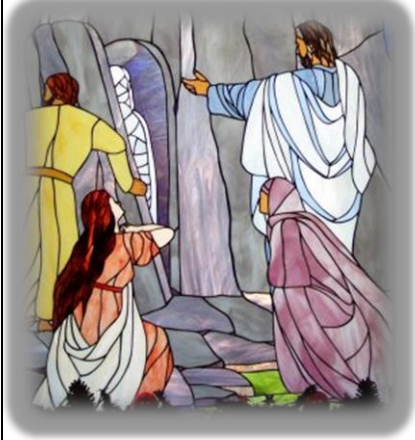




(“JESUS RAISES LAZARUS FROM THE DEAD” courtesy of Sunset Baptist Church, Ponca City, Oklahoma)

John 11: 43-44

**When he had said this, Jesus called in a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out!”
The dead man came out, his hands and feet wrapped with strips of
linen, and a cloth around his face.**



JESUS WEPT

Martha and Mary sent word to Jesus that Lazarus on his death bed lay

Both sisters understanding the Lord's compassion felt He would come without delay

Our omniscient Savior, surprisingly didn't leave, but for two more days did remain

Knowing Lazarus' resurrection would bring God glory, gave Jesus every reason to refrain.

For three full days, near the body the spirit hovered, is what the Jewish people believed

Arriving on day four, Jesus deliberately planned, so His message to them would be received

"I am the resurrection and life everlasting," the communication He clearly did intend

Put your faith in Me, for I rule over death; a truth to the mourners He did send.

Martha and Mary, in a state of deep grief, found their brother's death hard to accept

So moved by their pain---as if it were His own, Scripture states that, "Jesus Wept."

Demanding the stone be removed from his tomb, Christ actions would leave no doubt

After praying to His Father, in a loud voice he called, "Lazarus, come out."

Our all-loving God knows everything in life His children must strive to endure

That God is in us and feels our every hurt, of this Lazarus' story does assure

Through faith in Jesus, even though we die, we all shall eternally live

The grave is but a doorway to the portals of heaven; this gift Christ the Savior did give.