

#TargetPractice: What can we learn from the story of Lazarus?

[Jesus Raised Lazarus from Death | God's Story](#)

- Even when we are sad, we can still trust and hope in God
- Jesus bringing him back to life helped prove Jesus is God's Son
- Proved Jesus has power over death
- Jesus felt sorrow so He understands when we are sad
- Helped prove Jesus rose from the dead 3 days after He died Himself

Jesus cried at the tomb of Lazarus. He showed that it is ok to feel sadness and express it by crying. Have you ever:

- fallen down and hurt yourself so badly that you cried?
- have been so sad that you cried?
- had someone hurt your feelings and you cried?
- cried because someone else was crying?

We all cry, and I am glad that we have a Savior who weeps too. I am glad that He loves us so much that He hurts when we are hurting. He feels our pain. He sees our tears.

Jesus also gives us hope and peace to help us even when we are hurting. Think about Mary and Martha. They were very sad and hurting when Jesus arrived. Did they react in anger that He hadn't come sooner? No. They knew Jesus could have healed Lazarus but they still trusted Him. In fact, Martha knew that she would see Lazarus again in the future in heaven which gave her hope even when it hurt so bad right then.

They took their grief and sorrow to Jesus. They had hope and trust that Jesus knew what was best. Jesus showed his grief as well when He cried. He understood how they felt. That also gave them comfort.

We have this same hope too! Jesus knows when we are sad and knows how we feel, no matter what is making us sad. We can always talk to Him about our feelings. Sometimes just getting to talk it out provides peace even though the hurt is still there. If we love and follow Jesus, we also have the hope of being with Jesus for eternity. And in the new heaven and earth...there will be no more sorrows and no more tears!!

Dear Jesus, it is comforting to know that when we cry, You cry with us. But it is even more comforting to know that You have power over death and the grave and that one day we will be in heaven with You--and then there will be no more tears. In Jesus' name, amen