



DAILY READING:
John 11:38-44

When things go wrong, you may feel there is no hope and want to give up. No matter how bad it looks, God knows what is happening. He loves you and has a good plan. When Lazarus died, Jesus had a good plan.

JOHN 11:39, 41-44 Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha... said to him, "Lord, by this time there will be an odor, for he has been dead four days..."⁴¹So they took away the stone. And Jesus lifted up his eyes and said, "Father, I thank you that you have heard me."⁴²I knew that you always hear me, but I said this...that they may believe that you sent me."⁴³When he had said these things, he cried out with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out."⁴⁴The man who had died came out...



THINK ABOUT IT!

Why did Martha question Jesus' plan to open the place where Lazarus was buried?

Jesus did not ask God the Father to bring Lazarus back to life. He knew that was going to happen. He thanked God for it. Jesus prayed aloud because He wanted the people who were listening to believe God had sent Him.

Think of three words that might describe how people felt when Lazarus came out of the tomb.

You would have been amazed to watch this happen. Always remember that God can do anything. When you wait and wait, don't lose hope. God may surprise you. He certainly surprised Mary and Martha!



PRAY

Ask God to give you hope when things seem hopeless.