

# STAY CONNECTED!

Looking for a Life Group or just want to keep up to date with the latest on Every Nation Brisbane's events or podcasts?

Download the free app and stay connected.  
Available on the *Apple App Store* and *Google Play*.



**EVERY NATION**  
BRISBANE

© 2019 by EVERY NATION BRISBANE®

All rights reserved.

Scripture quotations are from The Holy Bible, English Standard Version® (ESV®), Copyright © 2001 by Crossway, a publishing ministry of Good News Publishers. Used by permission. All rights reserved.

Permission to photocopy this material is granted for local church use. This is not for sale.

[www.enbrisbane.org](http://www.enbrisbane.org)



## PRAYER

"Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For yours is the kingdom, the power, and glory, forever, Amen.

## WARM UP (OPTIONAL)

If you were to become the leader of your country for a day, what would you do?

## NOTES

## WORD

<sup>20</sup> So when Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, but Mary remained seated in the house. <sup>21</sup> Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. <sup>22</sup> But even now I know that whatever you ask from God, God will give you." <sup>23</sup> Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." <sup>24</sup> Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." <sup>25</sup> Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, <sup>26</sup> and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?" <sup>27</sup> She said to him, "Yes, Lord; I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who is coming into the world."

<sup>28</sup> When she had said this, she went and called her sister Mary, saying in private, "The Teacher is here and is calling for you." <sup>29</sup> And when she heard it, she rose quickly and went to him. <sup>30</sup> Now Jesus had not yet come into the village, but was still in the place where Martha had met him. <sup>31</sup> When the Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary rise quickly and go out, they followed her, supposing that she was going to the tomb to weep there. <sup>32</sup> Now when Mary came to where Jesus was and saw him, she fell at his feet, saying to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." <sup>33</sup> When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who had come with her also weeping, he was deeply moved in his spirit and greatly troubled. <sup>34</sup> And he said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." <sup>35</sup> Jesus wept. <sup>36</sup> So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" <sup>37</sup> But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man also have kept this man from dying?"

<sup>38</sup> Then Jesus, deeply moved again, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone lay against it. <sup>39</sup> Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, by this time there will be an odor, for he has been dead four days." <sup>40</sup> Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?" <sup>41</sup> So they took away the stone. And Jesus lifted up his eyes and said, "Father, I thank you that you have heard me. <sup>42</sup> I knew that you always hear me, but I said this on account of the people standing around, that they may believe that you sent me." <sup>43</sup> When he had said these things, he cried out with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out." <sup>44</sup> The man who had died came out, his hands and feet bound with linen strips, and his face wrapped with a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."

[JOHN 11:20-44](#)

**Jesus puts the sovereign, almighty power of the Father at work when he hears of his dear friend, Lazarus, passing away. He sees Lazarus' sisters who are in mourning, Martha and Mary.**

- 1. Martha sees Jesus and knows of the resurrection to come of humanity, yet cannot recognise that he who stood before her is able to bring her own brother back to life. She knows it in her head, but is not aligned with what God wants to do in that moment through Jesus, and therefore does not yet perceive what the Father deems possible. She acknowledges Jesus as the Teacher, but not necessarily as the fulfilment of the Teaching.**
- 2. Mary sees Jesus and falls at his feet in mourning and uses the same exact phrase as her sister that if Jesus had been there, Lazarus would have been alive. Jesus is moved to come and see; he did not just point to the dead body from a distance.**
- 3. Jesus is invited into the stench of the tomb where Lazarus has been laid, and incredibly, he brings Lazarus back to life. He acknowledges God the Father has heard his prayer. Prayer is always about re-centering on Christ and declaring that the Kingdom of our God reigns in all situations.**

## GUIDE QUESTIONS

(NUMBERED ACCORDING TO LEVEL OF DEPTH AND READINESS TO SHARE)

1. On a scale from 1 to 10, how would you rate your ability to trust in God in desperate times? Why do you rate it this way?
2. If you pray, how and why? If you don't pray, why not?
3. Do you identify more with Martha who carries knowledge, Mary who is relationally compassionate, or Lazarus who is loved, but may be slumbering spiritually?
4. Timothy Keller wrote that praying, "In Jesus' name is not some magical incantation. To pray in Jesus' name... is to reground our relationship with God in the saving work of Jesus over and over again." Knowing this, in your own words, can you describe whether or not it is necessary to pray "in Jesus' name"? Why or why not?
5. Jesus was not afraid to walk into the stench of a tomb of a man who had been dead for four days, in order to bring him back to life. If led by the Holy Spirit into a place of extreme stench, would you go in order to help others find life in Christ? How can you do this in your own community or city?