



## I LOVE YOU TO THE END!

“BURY THE DEAD”

### THE WORKS OF MERCY PUT OUR HEARTS INTO ACTION



#### LAZARUS RAISED FROM THE DEAD (Jn 11:1-45)

Let's read the whole story about Lazarus being raised from the dead by Jesus. You can do it on your own or in small groups. **While you are reading, imagine that you are in that group of men and women who followed Jesus from Galilee all the way to Bethany.** Try to understand how it must have been for Martha and Mary to see their brother so sick, send a message to Jesus for help, but then see him die. And then he came back to life!

**Divide the text in this way to make it easier to read:**

**Jn 11:1-16:** Jesus received the message and arrives back in Bethany after Lazarus had died.

**Jn 11:17-31:** Jesus meets the two sisters and Martha declares her faith in him.

**Jn 11:32-45:** The wonderful miracle of Lazarus raised from the dead.



some questions

To help us reflect and understand

□ **What struck you** the most in this story, among all its details? What did that particular part mean to you?

□ **What is the main point of the story**, the most important part of the whole text? Why?

□ **What was the attitude of his disciples?** What did they say and do?

□ What did **Martha** and **Mary** do? What did they say? What was their attitude?

□ How did the **Jewish leaders** react? What did they say and do? What plan did they make? (see Jn 11:46-53)

□ **Who do you identify with the most?** With the disciples, the two sisters, the Jewish leaders or none of them?

□ **Have you ever experienced moments** when you felt a mixtures of sadness and hope, life and death? In those difficult moments, what helped you to go ahead?



You can cut this out and put it in your notebook or hang it in the kitchen...

Let's share the suffering of other people.



Draw and color in a sun every time you listened to someone and shared their suffering - in your family, among your friends or even just an acquaintance.