# *Raising Lazarus*

by John Walsh

*Four people – talking to the audience*

**Disciple**

I don't know why he had to come here. He could have helped Lazarus from a safer distance. He's done it before - healed someone without even being in the same town. (ha) Now would have been a good time to use that power. It's too dangerous for him here – well, its too dangerous for all of us.

**Mary**

Well, I know he is here now, but he should have come sooner. He knows we wouldn't send for him unless we were desperate. I mean … we are like family! If he had come sooner, he could have healed my brother – his friend. Now it's too late. My brother has been dead four days.

**Lazarus**

What happened? I remember feeling feverish and having that horrible cough...in fact that is the last thing I remember...coughing. (pause) Oh, I get it. That must have been when I died. (pause) Duh! Why else would I be in the family tomb?

**Pharisee**

It is good we are here. After all, Lazarus is a respected man – from a prominent family. It is only right that we be here to comfort the grieving family. That is more than his "FRIEND" Jesus is doing. It looks like he is conveniently healing everyone else? (pause) I wonder where they are serving refreshments?

**The lights flash – and drums roll**

**Disciple**

It was truly amazing! Lazarus had been dead for FOUR days! Jesus has raised others from the dead, but this time the spirit had definitely left the body. The body had begun decomposing. I have never seen anything like this before.

**Mary**

Oh praise God. My brother is alive! Jesus really is the Resurrection and the Life. He is my Lord and my God. I will never question him again.

**Lazarus**

I don't understand. I'm alive. But why? I didn't ask to come back here. I was quite happy where I was. Now I will have to put up with my sisters some more!

**Pharisee**

That's it! Now it has gone too far. Once people hear about this, everybody will become His follower. Now he HAS to be killed (pause) for the good of the nation. (Turns to walk out but stops, thinks, and then says) I guess we need to kill Lazarus as well. Must get rid of the evidence. Too bad. He comes from such a good family.