

“Last Words of Christ: Martha”

Week 4

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What When her brother Lazarus died, Martha felt as though Jesus had abandoned them. She believed Lazarus was gone forever. However, the words Jesus said from the cross about feeling forsaken by God may have connected with how Martha felt on a deeper level. The reflections from Martha help us consider how we can hope for a different ending in our story, even when we feel forsaken.

Themes: Easter, Lazarus, Abandoned, Forsaken, Hope, Waiting

Who Martha

When Bible times with a modern twist

**Wear
(Props)** Casual clothes

Why John 11:17-43

How Martha is a bit reluctant to share her story. She has a different perspective on Lazarus being raised, but we see her still processing the events as she speaks. Be careful not to overact. Give yourself plenty of time before the performance to think through who Martha was. This will make your performance more authentic.

The Title Card can be displayed on your screen before the monologue begins.

For more ideas on how to perform this script, watch “Last Words of Christ: Martha” at SkitGuys.com.

Time Approximately 3 minutes

TITLE CARD:

"And at the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, "Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?" which means, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" Matthew 27:46

Martha stands behind a table, wiping down a piece of pottery. She begins speaking matter-of-factly.

Martha: Oh sure...people are still talking about Jesus raising my brother from the dead. And don't get me wrong, I'm elated to have him back. An astonishing miracle, yes. But for me, I remember the story a bit differently.

I sent word to Jesus that the whom He loved, Lazarus, was dying, not a doubt he would come save his friend. But the day turned to night. And my brother slipped away one ragged breath at a time.

Now some emotions peek through.

The One who healed complete strangers left his friends to face our greatest heartbreak, all alone.

Back to matter-of-fact, but without success.

We all know how it ends. My dead brother came back to life because Jesus told him to. And as surely as I stand here, it exposed my flawed faith. I thought he had abandoned us. I thought he should've been there, and he was nowhere to be found.

Wiping a tear.

His love didn't always feel like love. Those four long days that my brother was in the tomb felt like an eternity, and we had no hope that there could be a different ending. How could we?

Beat

Only a short while later, we watched him on the cross, struggling through the worst kind of abandonment. The Son of God, it turned out, was abandoned by his Father, and nearly everyone else in his life, too.

Beat

You see, when my brother died Jesus let us wait for a little while. He wanted to show us that no matter how bad things get, there's always hope for a different ending.

Lights fade.