

# Power Over Death Script

**Characters:** Toby Tokwell, Mary, Martha

**Optional Props:** A hairbrush or pen for Toby to hold as a microphone

**Toby Tokwell:** Shalom. This is Toby Tokwell from WBET News. I'm here just outside the home of Lazarus of Bethany to get to the bottom of some breaking news about Jesus. Word has spread about an apparent *(pause)* . . . let me just say there has been a *(clears throat)* life-changing event involving Lazarus and his family. This event may go down in history as one of the greatest miracles of all time. Let me get to the witnesses right away. Excuse me. Let me through, please.

**Toby Tokwell:** Miss Martha, I'm Toby Tokwell from WBET News. May I have a word?

**Martha:** May my lips ever praise the Lord.

**Toby Tokwell:** Thank you, Martha. Can you explain what happened here? I mean your family has created quite a stir. I understand Jesus is a friend of yours.

**Martha:** Jesus is our friend and Lord. Mary, Lazarus, and I treasure our time with Him.

**Toby Tokwell:** Wasn't Lazarus very, very sick? What happened to him?

**Martha:** Yes, he was sick. Lazarus died over four days ago. We knew Jesus could heal him, but He was out of town. We sent a message to Jesus. Lazarus was so sick. Mary was heartbroken when Jesus didn't come in time. Our beloved brother died. We waited for Jesus, but He didn't come, so we had to bury Lazarus without Him. It was a terrible time for all of us.

**Toby Tokwell:** I'm so sorry to hear that. But please go on. Tell us what happened when Jesus got into town.

**Martha:** When I heard He was coming, I went to meet Him. We were in mourning. Mary stayed at the house with friends. I told the Lord that Lazarus wouldn't have died if He had been here. Then He said these words, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live. And whoever lives and believes in me shall never die." I believe Him. I believe He is the Son of God, the Messiah. But I didn't know what He meant at first.

**Toby Tokwell:** I have never heard Jesus speak. His words are powerful. What happened next?

**Martha:** Hold on a minute. My sister should tell this part. *(Calling out to her sister in the distance.)* Mary! Mary!

**Mary:** Martha? I'm here. Am I needed?

**Toby Tokwell:** Toby Tokwell from WBET News, Mary. I'm interested in what happened to your family. All of Bethany wants to know!

**Martha:** Yes, Mary. God has done a miracle in our family. We must glorify Him by making it known.

**Mary:** But what should I say?

**Martha:** When the Lord sent me to get you at the house, you came to Him quickly. Our friends thought you were going to Lazarus's grave. But you went to the Lord. Tell Toby what happened.

**Mary:** My heart was broken. I was grieving the loss of my brother. When I fell down at Jesus's feet, I'm afraid my grief spilled out as blame. I said, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died."

**Martha:** Oh, Mary, Jesus was not angry with you. He was so compassionate when He saw our sorrow and our friends' sorrow. He also wept.

**Mary:** Yes. We took Him to the tomb.

**Toby Tokwell:** Was it a cave with a stone across the opening?

**Martha:** That's right. I didn't want the stone to be removed because I knew that Lazarus's dead body would stink. But Jesus told me that if I believed, I would see the glory of God.

**Mary:** Then Jesus lifted up His eyes and prayed to God. He prayed so we could all hear. He said He wanted us to believe that God had sent Him. Remember what He said, Martha?

**Martha:** How could I forget? He cried out in a loud voice, "Lazarus, come forth!" My voice seems so small compared to His.

**Toby Tokwell:** Then what happened? What happened!?

**Mary:** Why, Lazarus walked right out of that tomb! He still had his grave clothes on! We were all amazed. Jesus said we should help him, since he was bound hand and foot. We took those grave clothes off and . . .

**Martha:** And we hugged him pretty tight, too. He had been dead four days, but then he was alive! Glory to God!

**Mary:** At that moment, many believed Jesus is the Son of God. We are so full of joy for what the Lord did. God was glorified, and Jesus showed everyone what we've known for a while—He is the Son of God!

**Toby Tokwell:** So everyone who was there must be believers now. Is that so?

**Martha:** Not everyone. No. Sadly, Jesus's power makes some upset. They have threatened to kill Jesus—and I'm afraid His miracle has not changed their minds. But on this day, I can't think about that. I can only give glory to my Lord Jesus for the new life He has given Lazarus.

**Mary:** I agree, Sister. That dark cloud shall not overshadow the glory of the Lord today! Praise the name of the Lord! He brought Lazarus from death to life. There is no one like Him!

**Toby Tokwell:** What a miracle! And you heard it firsthand, folks! Jesus has power over death. This is Toby Tokwell signing off for WBET News.