

Lesson for the Sunday of the Second Coming:

Great Lent ends with **Lazarus Saturday**, (the Saturday before Palm Sunday, April 8), which recalls how Jesus raised His friend from the dead (John 11:1-44). This episode foreshadows Christ's own Resurrection and serves to remind us of Christ's promise of new life to those who love Him.

The following day, **Palm Sunday**, celebrates Christ's entry into Jerusalem, when He was hailed as the Messiah and King of Israel.

LESSON: Read the story of Lazarus (John 11:1-44).

**Younger students:* This story about a man being raised from the dead can be a bit spooky for younger children. Before beginning the story, tell your students that, “although this story may seem spooky at first, it has a happy ending!” Then tell the story, using “gentler” vocabulary if necessary.