

SECOND DAY: Read Luke 10:38-42

1. Take time to thoughtfully read once again the account Mary and Martha in Luke 10:38-42. Briefly describe what happened.

- a. What does the phrase *Martha received him into her house* imply about her character?

- (1.) What do you learn about hospitality from 1 Peter 4:9?

2. Observe the contrasts in these sisters' attitudes and actions through Luke 10:38-42. Record your observations.

3. *Martha (overly occupied and too busy) was distracted with much serving.* Luke 10:40a Amplified
How did her being *cumbered about much serving* cause her to speak to our Lord Jesus? Answer from verse 40b. Selah - stop and think about this.

4. Thoughtfully consider Jesus' loving rebuke to Martha in Luke 10:41,42. Although her gift of hospitality and service was needed and valued, Jesus loved Martha enough to correct her. What did He say to her?

Personal: Meditate for a few moments on Jesus' words about Mary. Evaluate your choices in recognition of this.

5. In what way(s) has Luke 10:38-42 spoken to you?

*One thing is needful, O my Father, one thing is needful, O my God;
That I sit at Your feet and pour out love.
This thing is needful, O my Lord!*

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THIRD DAY: Read John 11:1-27

1. Imagine what it would have been like to witness Jesus raising someone from the dead. Through your study the next two days you will be an eyewitness of this incredible miracle. John 11:1-19 describes events leading up to this. Briefly summarize these events from the following verses:

a. verses 1-3

(1.) What does verse 3 reveal about Mary and Martha?

b. verses 4-7

c. verses (8-13) 14-19

2. Think for a moment about how Mary and Martha must have felt when Jesus delayed His coming and their brother had died. According to John 11:20 what did Martha and Mary do when Jesus arrived?

3. Choose and record phrases or sentences from John 11:21-27 that describe Martha's encounter with Jesus.

a. Absorb the life changing truth of verse 25 as you print it here phrase by phrase.

b. John 11:27 is one of the strongest confessions of faith recorded in scripture. What does this reveal to you about Martha?

(1.) Close today's lesson by writing your personal expression of faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.

*...God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son.
He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life.
1 John 5:1 1b, 12 NKJV*

FOURTH DAY: Read John 11:28-46

1. John 11:28-37 leads up to the miraculous raising of Lazarus. After Martha's encounter with Jesus, she went to Mary to tell her Jesus wanted to see her. According to verses 29,32 what did Mary do?

a. Compare verse 32 with verse 21. What difference do you see in how they greeted Jesus?

(1.) Share what this reveals to you about Mary.

2. Use John 11:33-44 to write an eyewitness account of Jesus raising Lazarus from the dead.

a. What do these verses reveal about Jesus?

3. What was the reaction of some eyewitnesses to this tremendous miracle? Answer from John 11:45,46

4. In one word express what you think Mary and Martha must have felt after this miracle.

*...for I will turn their mourning into joy. . .
Jeremiah 31:13b*

FIFTH DAY: Read John 12:1-8

1. A few days before Jesus' death He chose to visit Mary and Martha in Bethany. View this intimate time through John 12:1-8. What were each of the following doing according to verses 1-3:

- a. Jesus
- b. Lazarus
- c. Martha
- d. Mary

(1.) According to John 12:3b what was the result of her lavish act of devotion?

2. Look once more at Mary and Martha and their actions in John 12:2,3. What do you see in them that is commendable?

a. In what way is each woman an example for you?

3. When Mary was criticized by Judas (John 12:4-6) how did Jesus react? Answer from John 12:7,8 and Mark 14:6-9.

a. What does Jesus' statement, *She did it in preparation for My burial* (John 12:7b NLT), seem to imply about Mary?

Challenge: Compare the three examples of Mary *at the feet of Jesus* in Luke 10:39, John 11:32 and John 12:3. Although there are similarities, how are they different?

a. Why is each of these important?

4. Pause and think about how often we see Mary at the feet of Jesus. What lesson is there in this for us?

*Down at Your feet O Lord is the most high place,
in Your presence Lord, I seek Your face.
For there's no higher calling, no greater honor than to bow
and kneel before Your throne.*

SIXTH DAY: Review

1. Reflect on what you have studied this week about Mary and Martha. Using two or three words describe each of these women.

2. Record what you learned from Martha's example that you want to:
 - a. avoid

 - b. imitate

3. Share at least one thing you learned from Mary's example that you desire to put into practice.
 - a. What practical steps can you take to become more like Mary?

4. Suggest a way we can have and maintain a Mary heart while serving like Martha.

5. What aspect of this week's lesson particularly ministered to you?

*One thing is needful
I sit and worship You, my Father.
I sit and worship You, my God.
Lord, I sit at Your feet and pour out my love.
I sit and worship You, my King.*
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