

LUKE Lesson 27

Mary and Martha (Luke 10:38-42)

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Today's passage begins in verse 38 with the phrase "It came to pass." That term tells you that this was something that was predetermined in God's plan. The Lord planned to enter a "certain village" to visit a "certain woman," and it came to pass. The day you met the Lord was not an accident or a coincidence.

Text for this message:

Luke 10:38-42

John 11:1-3, 19-45, 12:1-3

Ten repeated names in the Bible:

1. Abraham, Abraham, Genesis 22:11.
2. Jacob, Jacob, Genesis 46:2.
3. Moses, Moses, Exodus 3:4.
4. Samuel, Samuel, 1 Samuel 3:10.
5. **Martha, Martha**, Luke 10:41.
6. Simon, Simon, Luke 22:31.
7. Saul, Saul, Acts 9:4.
8. Lord, Lord, Matthew 7:21,22, 25:11; Luke 6:46; 13:25.
9. Eloi, Eloi, Mark 15:34; Matthew 27:46; Psalm 22:1.
10. Jerusalem, Jerusalem, Matthew 23:37; Luke 13:34

MARTHA AND MARY CONTRASTED

MARTHA	MARY
Martha is careful (full of care), always staying busy, trying to get some work done for the Lord.	Mary rests in Jesus, enjoying His presence, focused on His words.
She pictures a working Christian:	She pictures a worshipping Christian:
Sowing the good seed (presenting the gospel), preparing the ground (hearts of men). High pressure.	Reaping the harvest; leading a person to Christ (John 11:45). Low pressure or no pressure.
Making people aware of their need of the Savior.	Demonstrating true godliness that draws people in.

PRAISE-WORTHY CHARACTERISTICS OF MARTHA

1. She received Jesus (Luke 10:38, John 1:12).
2. She served Jesus (Luke 10:40, John 12:2), not herself (Eccl 2:17-23, Luke 16:13, Gal 5:13).
3. When she had a complaint or a time of need, she went to Jesus first (Luke 10:40, John 11:20).
4. She had faith in Jesus. She said, "I know!" (John 11:22).
5. She believed in the bodily resurrection and eternal life (John 11:24, Job 19:25-26).
6. She confessed Jesus (John 11:27).
7. She carried the message of Jesus to someone else (John 11:28).

PRAISE-WORTHY CHARACTERISTICS OF MARY

1. She sat at Jesus' feet (Luke 10:39), humbly, silently, in subjection to Him.
 2. She heard his word (vs 39). His word spoke to her heart.
 3. She put first things first (vs 42); spending time with Jesus was her priority. God desires our fellowship.
 4. She anointed Jesus; she worshipped Him as the Messiah in a way that cost her something (John 12:3).
 5. She had faith in Jesus (John 11:32).
 6. She fell at the feet of Jesus as an act of worship (John 11:32).
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THE HOUSEHOLD OF LAZARUS; A PICTURE OF GOD'S DESIRE TO FELLOWSHIP WITH HIS CREATION

John 12:24 Jesus said He would abide alone if He didn't come to earth to die.

Genesis 2:18 God said, "*It is* not good that the man should be alone." Adam wasn't alone, but there was no one like him. He needed a bride.

Exodus 5:1 God wanted His people to feast with Him and have **fellowship**.

Exodus 5:3 God wanted His people to **sacrifice** unto Him; to give up something dear and precious for Him.

Exodus 8:1 God wanted His people to **serve** Him.

God never got any of these things in His relationship with the nation of Israel.

John 12:2-3 "There they made him a supper." The Lord feasted with His people. **(Fellowship)**.

"And Martha served." **(Service)**.

"Then took Mary a pound of ointment of spikenard, very costly, and anointed the feet of Jesus." **(Sacrifice)**.
