

Luk 10:38 Now as they went on their way, Jesus entered a village. And a woman named Martha welcomed him into her house.

Luk 10:39 And she had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to his teaching.

Luk 10:40 But Martha was distracted with much serving. And she went up to him and said, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Tell her then to help me."

Luk 10:41 But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and troubled about many things,

Luk 10:42 but one thing is necessary. Mary has chosen the good portion, which will not be taken away from her."

Distracted.

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per-ee-spah'-o

From [G4012](#) and [G4685](#); to *drag* all *around*, that is, (figuratively) to *distract* (with care): - *cumber*.

Hinderance, obstruction, a burden. Picture of being distracted by dragging all around her cares on her back.

she is now focused on her to do list, expectations, calling (?) to the point of anxiety, and it peaks her pride "don't you see how I'm affected. I am serving alone. Tell her to help me!

Mat 11:28 “Come to me, all of you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.

Mat 11:29 Take up my yoke and learn from me, because I am lowly and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.

Mat 11:30 For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.”

The rest you’re looking for is found in humility. The to do list is real, but I never asked you to do it alone.

YOKE- striving.

Mat 11:28 "Are you tired? Worn out? Burned out on religion? Come to me. Get away with me and you'll recover your life. I'll show you how to take a real rest.

Mat 11:29 Walk with me and work with me—watch how I do it. Learn the unforced rhythms of grace. I won't lay anything heavy or ill-fitting on you.

Mat 11:30 Keep company with me and you'll learn to live freely and lightly.”

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His yoke is an invitation of intimate relationship.

Could Martha have been wrestling with pride and how she may look bad to their guest if she didn’t prepare the appropriate meal?

Often I am in the place of Martha, the lie that my worth is tied to my work, to my performance, and Satan even whispers the lie

that if I'm not living into everything that God has called me to that God is going to be done with me and take me out- which is a pagan view at its core, that I must perform well to appease the gods- this is not the heart of Christ- he's here inviting us into relational, restorative rest in him- that is the better portion.

We can put so much emphasis on what our "callings" are. No what you're called to be is my daughter.

Jesus I want to be effective for your Kingdom- then sit at my feet. In worship, in being a wife, in being a mom (Jonah's mothers day prayer)

Jesus, Im just trying to serve you!! And he's like Martha, I'm here to serve you; im here to set you free from your striving and show you true rest!! You think your purpose is to serve me a meal....

Jesus isn't using Mary as an example of "you shouldn't serve, you should sit here at my feet.."

We are called to serve, Jesus came to serve and we are called to be like him, and James said "faith without works is dead" and so our service can even be a sign of our faith, but genuine right postured and EFFECTIVE service starts with and is sustained by intimacy WITH Christ. THAT is the "good portion, the better part"

The next time we see the sisters...

Joh 11:3 So the sisters sent to him, saying, “Lord, he whom you love is ill.”

Joh 11:4 But when Jesus heard it he said, “This illness does not lead to death. It is for the glory of God, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it.”

Joh 11:5 Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus.

Joh 11:6 So, when he heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was.

Joh 11:17 Now when Jesus came, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days.

Joh 11:18 Bethany was near Jerusalem, about two miles off,

Joh 11:19 and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them concerning their brother.

Joh 11:20 So when Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, but Mary remained seated in the house.

Joh 11:21 Martha said to Jesus, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.

Joh 11:22 But even now I know that whatever you ask from God, God will give you.”

Joh 11:23 Jesus said to her, “Your brother will rise again.”

Joh 11:24 Martha said to him, “I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.”

Joh 11:25 Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live,

Joh 11:26 and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?”

Joh 11:27 She said to him, “Yes, Lord; I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who is coming into the world.”

Jesus Weeps

Joh 11:28 When she had said this, she went and called her sister Mary, saying in private, “The Teacher is here and is calling for you.”

Joh 11:29 And when she heard it, she rose quickly and went to him.

Joh 11:30 Now Jesus had not yet come into the village, but was still in the place where Martha had met him.

Joh 11:31 When the Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary rise quickly and go out, they followed her, supposing that she was going to the tomb to weep there.

Joh 11:32 Now when Mary came to where Jesus was and saw him, she fell at his feet, saying to him, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.”

Joh 11:33 When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who had come with her also weeping, he was deeply moved in his spirit and greatly troubled.

Joh 11:34 And he said, “**Where have you laid him?**” They said to him, “Lord, come and see.”

Joh 11:35 Jesus wept.

Joh 11:36 So the Jews said, “See how he loved him!”

Jesus Raises Lazarus

Joh 11:38 Then Jesus, deeply moved again, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone lay against it.

Joh 11:39 Jesus said, **“Take away the stone.”** Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, “Lord, by this time there will be an odor, for he has been dead four days.”

Joh 11:40 Jesus said to her, **“Did I not tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?”**

What I see from the sisters here, is in our sorrow and griefs there are things that Jesus wants to reveal to us about His nature and character, and if we would but bring those things to Him and even like Mary, fall down at his feet in our sorrows, He will resurrect HOPE within us like none other!!

They didn't shut him out because of their disappointment- they came to him

Mary Anoints Jesus at Bethany

Joh 12:1 Six days before the Passover, Jesus came to Bethany where Lazarus was, the one Jesus had raised from the dead.

Joh 12:2 So they gave a dinner for him there; Martha was serving them, and Lazarus was one of those reclining at the table with him.

Joh 12:3 Then Mary took a pound of perfume, pure and expensive nard, anointed Jesus's feet, and wiped his feet with her hair. So the house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume.

Joh 12:4 Then one of his disciples, Judas Iscariot (who was about to betray him), said,

Joh 12:5 “Why wasn't this perfume sold for three hundred denarii and given to the poor?”

Joh 12:6 He didn't say this because he cared about the poor but because he was a thief. He was in charge of the money-bag and would steal part of what was put in it.

Joh 12:7 Jesus answered, "Leave her alone; she has kept it for the day of my burial."

Joh 12:8 For you always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me."

In all 3 accounts where have we seen Mary?? At the feet of Jesus!!

In Palestinian culture ordinary guests were anointed with oil, feet washed, and given a kiss, but Mary isn't just simply anointing an ordinary guest, her breaking open this flask is a declaration of his Kingship and Deity!! Jesus is not an ordinary guest worthy of simply Sunday acknowledgment, He is worthy of our lives!!!

The alabaster flask was probably the most valuable thing she owned, as a single Jewish woman, in that day, and pouring the contents of that flask upon Jesus was a declaration of his life and his love being more costly to her than anything she possessed- he could have it all.

Worship is COSTLY
A SACRIFICE of Praise to move the heart of God

Mat 26:12 By pouring this perfume on my body, she has prepared me for burial.

Mat 26:13 Truly I tell you, wherever this gospel is proclaimed in the whole world, what she has done will also be told in memory of her.”

She saw something deeper about raising Lazarus from the grave! Because she sat at His feet, the Spirit of God opened the eyes of her understanding and she put two and two together “He said the Son Of Man would be glorified... He said he was the Resurrection and the Life...” HE IS THE MESSIAH!!

That perfume was strong, the fragrance of her worship- how long did that linger on Jesus skin, and hair-
I want my worship to bless Jesus the way Mary’s worship blessed Jesus.
My tears.

God’s eyes are roving the earth looking for worshippers who will worship him in Spirit and in truth- but it’s not about just the gathering, but the individual worshippers who give their life in the secret place of intimacy with Jesus. The breaking of the alabaster flask was the culmination of time spent at Jesus’ feet, in friendship, in intimate relationship.

How are you worshipping at His feet in private, at home? Are you? HE WANTS TO MEET YOU IN SECRET!! He wants you to encounter the power of His presence at home as well as at the corporate gathering.

Story of worshipping when Soph was a baby.

All of this started because Luke 10:38 “And there was a woman named Martha, who welcomed Him into her home.”

39 “And she had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to his teaching.”

Rev 3:20 Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and eat with him, and he with me.

Sit and learn and fellowship with him, bring our sorrows to him, and pour out our worship