I. WHAT HAPPENED BETWEEN THESE SISTERS WHEN JESUS CAME CALLING IN LUKE 10?

A. Martha hosted Jesus and his disciples in her home, indicating she was the older of the two—Luke 10:38.

1. Martha was busy making preparations for Jesus and his disciples—10:40a.

   **Luke 10:40a**
   
   But Martha was distracted by all the preparations that had to be made…

2. Mary, on the other hand, spent her time listening to Jesus—10:39.

3. Martha complained to Jesus about Mary’s lack of help in the kitchen—10:40b.

   **Luke 10:40b**
   
   …She came to him and asked, “Lord, don’t you care that my sister has left me to do the work by myself? Tell her to help me!”

B. Jesus’ response to Martha’s complaint.

1. Martha’s focus of attention was in the wrong direction according to Jesus—10:41-42a.

   **Luke 10:41-42a**
   
   41 “Martha, Martha,” the Lord answered, “you are worried and upset about many things, 42 but few things are needed—or indeed only one…

2. Mary’s focus, unlike Martha, was on Jesus and he commended her for it—10:42b.

   **Luke 10:42b**
   
   …Mary has chosen what is better, and it will not be taken away from her.”

3. On another occasion when Jesus was in their home, Mary demonstrated she understood what Jesus had been saying about going to Jerusalem to die by anointing him—John 12:1-8.

C. The gospels record three times Jesus was anointed with oil.


2. Second, by an unnamed woman in the home of a Simon the leper—Matthew 26:6-13 and Mark 14:3-9.

II. LESSONS FROM TWO SISTERS.

1. There is a place for showing hospitality to others—Titus 1:8.

   Titus 1:8
   ...he must be hospitable....

2. There is no place for comparing ourselves with others. (Martha compared herself with Mary).

3. It’s always appropriate to take our concerns to God.

4. It’s hard to be humble—Col. 3:23.

   Colossians 3:23
   Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord...


6. We should mind our own business—1 Thess. 4:11.

7. Stop worrying about what others are doing or not doing—1 Peter 5:7.

8. Don’t let things, good or bad, crowd out time with the Lord.