

July 19th, 2026

Mary and Martha

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Who were Mary and Martha?

- They were _____.
- They appear in _____ Gospels.
- They were _____, and they, along with their brother, _____, were notably loved by Jesus.
- Their home was in _____.

What Do We See in Their Character or Story?

- Their interaction with Jesus in Luke's Gospel comes after two _____ scenes. Luke 10:1-38
- Mary's _____ provides a picture that the ancient world wouldn't recognize: a _____.
Luke 10:39 (cf. Acts 22:3)
- Martha doesn't sit at Jesus' feet, yet she is still being _____. Luke 10:40-42

How Were They Shaped by Jesus?

- Jesus receives them with _____
_____. John 11:1-44

What Can We Learn from John's Story?

Jesus meets you _____ and can
_____ whatever you bring.

The heart of Jesus is concerned with the
transformation of _____/_____.

Jesus wants us to _____ Him and
understand we are _____ by Him.

Because we believe that the sharing of our ideas and beliefs enhances our spiritual growth in ways teaching alone cannot - we encourage you to join a small group at Sunridge and discuss some of the following questions.

If someone described you using only one story from your life, what story would you hope they wouldn't choose?

Before this message, how would you have described the differences between Mary and Martha? What surprised you most from Luke 10 or John 11?

What are some of the trappings of spiritual comparison?

Why do you think it's significant that both Martha and Mary say the exact same words to Jesus in John 11? What does that reveal about them? What does it reveal about Jesus?

Jesus received Martha's frustration, Mary's grief, and both sisters' honest words. What are you most tempted to keep from Jesus instead of bringing to him? Why?

Which of Sunday's takeaways do you most need right now?

- Jesus meets me where I am.
- Jesus can handle whatever I bring.
- Jesus is transforming my heart.
- Jesus wants me to know Him and know that I am known by Him.

How might you seek to follow Him this week in light of that takeaway?

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- They appear in TWO Gospels.
- They were SISTERS, and they, along with their brother, LAZARUS, were notably loved by Jesus.
- Their home was in BETHANY.

What Do We See in Their Character or Story?

- Their interaction with Jesus in Luke's Gospel comes after two CONNECTED scenes. Luke 10:1-38
- Mary's POSTURE provides a picture that the ancient world wouldn't recognize: a FEMALE DISCIPLE. Luke 10:39 (cf. Acts 22:3)
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How Were They Shaped by Jesus?

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What Can We Learn from John's Story?

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