

# **Women of the Bible – Mary and Martha**

*Orlando Bible Students Special Study*

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**General References:** Luke 10:38-42; John 11:1-46; John 12:1-1-8 Expanded Bible Comments on these scriptures  
Reprints pp. 2743-2745; pp. 3534-3537; pp. 4160-4162

- 1) **Who were Mary and Martha? How do the Scriptures describe their special friendship with Jesus? Matt. 21:17; Matt. 26:6; Luke 10:38; John 11:1-3,5,36; John 12:1,2**
  
- 2) **Describe the experience recorded in Luke 10:38-42, especially the contrasting actions of Mary and Martha, and Jesus' response to Martha.**
  
- 3) **What lessons can we learn from Mary's desire to "hear his word," as compared to Martha's being "cumbered about much serving?" Luke 10:39-42; Prov. 8:34; Luke 12:29-31; Luke 21:33,34; John 6:27,35,54-57,63; John 17:14,17**
  
- 4) **John 11 gives the account of the death and raising of Lazarus. Both Mary and Martha said to Jesus that if he had been there sooner, their brother Lazarus would not have died. (vss. 21 & 32) Aside from this similarity, however, their reaction to the situation and to Jesus when he arrived was quite different. Describe and contrast Mary and Martha's response to the loss of their brother Lazarus.**  
**Mary's response—John 11:19,20,28-33**  
**Martha's response—John 11:21-27**
  
- 5) **What are some of the important truths which are brought to our attention by the conversation between Jesus and Martha? John 11:21-27,39,40; Isa. 26:19; Matt. 16:15-17; John 3:14-17; John 5:20,21; John 14:6**
  
- 6) **John 11:35 says "Jesus wept." What does this show about his character, and how should it be an example to us? John 11:33-36; Isa. 63:9; Rom. 12:15; Gal. 6:2; Heb. 2:17,18; Heb. 4:15,16**
  
- 7) **In John 12:1-8 (see also Matt. 26:6-13 & Mark 14:3-9), what service did Mary render for Jesus, how did Judas and others react to it, and what was Jesus' response? What can we learn from this? Ex. 30:25-30; Psa. 133:1,2; John 13:29; John 12:35; John 13:33**