

Study QUESTIONS

Ep. 1049: Are You a Mary or a Martha?

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See:



1. Why does Jesus say Martha's name twice, and what clues are there from other Scriptures that can help us to justify this reasoning? (See Luke 10:41-42, Genesis 22:11, Exodus 3:4, Acts 9:4)
2. What was the cultural role and expectation of women during the time when Jesus was alive? How did Mary and Martha's duties reflect those expectations? (See Matthew 1:18-23)
3. What was Jesus' response to Martha's public complaint about Mary? What lesson was he trying to teach her? What lesson is there for us in her experience? (See Matthew 1:18-23, 2 Corinthians 9:8, Hebrews 13:5)
4. Why was Martha's service not something Jesus desired from Martha? How do some of the definitions of the Greek words give us additional insight into what Jesus was saying and why he chastised her? (See Luke 10:39-41)
5. What was Martha's initial response to Jesus when her brother, Lazarus, died? (See John 11:17-21) What was her second response to Jesus, and what does this say about her spiritual growth? (John 11:22-27)
6. What was Mary's response to Jesus after learning of Lazarus' death? (See John 11:29-35) How did Jesus respond and what lessons can we draw from his response?
7. How does the anointing of Jesus' feet demonstrate both Mary and Martha's growth from their previous experiences with Jesus? (See John 12:1-8)
8. What are the biggest lessons Mary and Martha teach us about themselves, and what lessons can we apply in our own lives? (See Luke 10:38-42, John 11, John 12:1-8)