

- Mary & Martha, contrasting and reinforcing lessons

1. A Proper Priority – Luke 10:38-42

a) Martha – Focused on the busyness of life

- “distracted” – distracted from what Jesus was teaching
- “all the preparations” = “much serving” – for 1 extra person?!
- Problem isn’t the preparation, but she was distracted, worried, anxious
- So easy to allow life to overrun what matters
- Start to question Jesus’ care – v40

b) Mary – Focused on Jesus

- Not shirking responsibilities – Jesus would have rebuked her
- Mary always at Jesus feet – Luke 10:39, John 11:32, 12:3
- Jesus commends Mary’s focus and seeks to refocus Martha
- “One thing is needed” – what is our priority every day?
- “chosen what is better” – what Jesus offers is lasting
- Mary & Martha – Listening comes before serving not instead of it
- Listening equips us to serve, feeds our trust, feeds our faith
- Are you making time amidst the busyness?

2. An Absolute Trust – John 11

- v21 – not a rebuke, but a statement of faith, mingled with regret
- Martha displays great faith (Mary more briefly – v32)
- Jesus refocuses Martha’s faith on Him
- Learn: Jesus cares for his hurting people
- Learn: Jesus seeks to refocus our faith on him
- Learn: we may not get all the answers, but we will not be disappointed
- Learn: trust comes from focusing on Jesus

3. A Sacrificial Service – John 12:1-8

- Perfume – worth a year’s wages!!! Perhaps a precious heirloom
- Sacrificial & Extravagant service/devotion
- Devotion based on what Christ had done – not to earn favour
- Can we give too much for Jesus? What is our commitment?
- “If Christ be God and died for me then there is nothing too great that I can do for him” CT Studd
- Sacrificial service comes from Mary’s right focus on Jesus, not through more effort
- Called to use our lives to display that Christ is valuable
- “Today, I will do the best I can with what I have where I am for Jesus’ sake”

Notices

Sun 8th	Evening service at Mark & Judith’s	8pm
Wed	Prayer time	8pm
Thu 12 th	Banner of Truth NI Conference for young people The Book that Changed the World - Can we Trust the Bible? The Crescent Church, University Road, Belfast. Speakers Include: Ted Donnelly & Mark Johnston	
Sab 15 th	Church Lunch after the service	
Mon 16 th	Letterkenny prayer evening Come and go at whatever time suits The house beside the Open Door Bookshop	7-11pm
Sat 21 st	Go-relief team meeting - Cloughmills RP Church @ 3.00pm	

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