

## MARTHA MEETING THE MESSIAH

### Luke 10:38-42

#### I. “MARTHA WELCOMED HIM INTO HER HOUSE”

##### A. Luke 9:58

Jesus had recently asserted that He was essentially homeless.

##### B. Luke 10:38

It is no small gesture, then, that Martha brought Him under her roof.

##### C. Matthew 25:31-46

Jesus takes personally whether we take in strangers and feed the hungry. This will count in judgment. Bear in mind, nothing in this text speaks of whether your tax dollars or church contributions are used for this, but whether it is done by individuals who love their neighbors as themselves.

##### D. Hebrews 13:2

Hospitality is seriously important work. The care we would give angels of heaven or Jesus Himself is the care we really do give to others here and now.

##### E. Acts 2:46

It was the habit of the first Christians to bring one another into their homes for meals quite regularly. Many brethren need to improve in this habit.

##### F. Romans 12:13

Hospitality is a basic quality of being a Christian.

#### II. “MARTHA WAS DISTRACTED”

##### A. Luke 10:40

Despite the undeniably good work Martha was engaged in, the Lord let her know there was better work. Notice that He never criticized her until she began griping about her sister. Only then did it become relevant to point out what is primary and what is secondary.

**B. 1<sup>st</sup> Peter 4:9**

Hospitality is to be performed without complaint. Complaining undermines its worth.

**C. John 6:27; 2<sup>nd</sup> Thessalonians 3:10**

Laboring for everlasting nourishment is paramount, but we still need bread in the present life.

**D. John 12:1-2**

In her final appearance in Scripture, Martha is again depicted as hosting supper. She did not take the Lord's criticism to some unintended extreme, nor did she pout and give up on the good she was involved in. She kept serving, but she quit whining.

**E. Proverbs 9:8-9**

The wise know what to do with correction. Martha was wise.

**F. Luke 12:29-31**

The take-away is that we prioritize eternity.

**III. "MY BROTHER WOULD NOT HAVE DIED"**

**A. John 11:1-22**

Martha was not complaining, but expressing great faith! She knew Jesus could have healed Lazarus, and still she knew God would hear whatever prayer He asked.

**B. John 5:36; Acts 2:22**

The signs, wonders, and miracles wrought by Jesus were evidence to convict observers in faith.

**C. John 11:41-42**

Immediately before raising dead Lazarus, Jesus acknowledged in His prayer to the Father what Martha had previously confessed, that God would hear Him.

**IV. "I BELIEVE THAT YOU ARE THE CHRIST"**

**A. John 11:23-27**

Martha uttered a tremendous confession of faith.

**B. Luke 4:41; John 1:40-41, 47-49; 4:25-26; 6:68-69; 9:35-38**

There are rather few examples recorded of believers confessing Christ before His death. There were demons, but their confessions were not unto salvation. Andrew confessed Him, as did Nathaniel (who might be the same as the apostle Bartholomew); so did the Samaritan woman, implicitly at least, and Simon Peter, and a blind man He healed. For beauty of the expression, only Peter's words excel Martha's and he was an apostle in the daily presence of the Lord. Her profession of faith is a grand one, worthy of remembrance.

**C. 1<sup>st</sup> John 4:15**

There is no God in your life without a confession like Martha's.

**D. Luke 6:46-49**

Of course, it takes more than a mere confession to fully satisfy the Lord.