

## YOU ARE MORE

*As Jesus was saying these things, a woman in the crowd called out, "Blessed is the mother who gave you birth and nursed you." He replied "Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and obey it." Luke 11:27-28*

*"Martha, Martha," the Lord answered, "you are worried and upset about many things, but only one thing is needed. Mary has chosen what is better, and it will not be taken away from her." Luke 10:41-42*

*Mary Magdalene...Joanna the wife of Chuzza, manager of Herod's household... Susanna; and many others. These women were helping to support them out of their own means. Luke 8:2-3*

*When they—the women— came back from the tomb, they told all these things to the Eleven—the disciples that are left— and to all the others. ... But they did not believe the women, because their words seemed to them like nonsense. Luke 24:9,11*

*"Behold your mother." John 19:27*

*"I think I have never heard a sermon preached on the story of Martha and Mary that did not attempt, somehow, somewhere, to explain away its text. Mary's part, of course, was the better part. The Lord said so, and we must not precisely contradict Him. But Martha was doing a really feminine job, whereas Mary was just behaving like any other disciple, male or female; and that is a hard pill to swallow. Perhaps it is no wonder that women were first at the cradle and last at the cross. They had never known a man like this Man—there has never been such another. A prophet and teacher who never nagged at them, never flattered or coaxed or patronized; who never made arch jokes about them; never treated them either as 'The women, God help us!' or 'The ladies, God bless them!'; who rebuked without demeaning and praised without condescension; who took their questions and arguments seriously; who never mapped out their sphere for them, never urged them to be feminine or jeered at them for being female; who had no axe to grind and no uneasy male dignity to defend." **Dorothy Sayers***