

JESUS Through the Eyes of Luke: Mary, The Disciple Who Needed Jesus

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-A.M. SERMON NOTES -

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‘Mary, The Disciple Who Needed Jesus’”

(John 11:1-53)

INTRODUCTION

Our Bible studies focus on JESUS Through the Eyes of Luke, from Luke’s Gospel and his Book of Acts. Every Sun- day we study and apply God’s Word. Three of the most endearing people in Luke’s Gospel are Mary, Martha and Lazarus, who opened their home to Jesus in Bethany, near Jerusalem. Mary is mentioned three times in the Gospels, always at the feet of Jesus, each revealing a unique quality of her heart, expressing:

A. “Lord, I WANT You” (sitting at His feet) (Luke 10:39)

B. “Lord, I NEED You” (falling at His feet) (John 11:32)

C. “Lord, I LOVE You” (bowing at His feet) (John 12:3)

I. The call of Jesus that was received (John 11:28-32)

A. The Lord’s interest in us (Jn. 11:33) B. The Lord’s invitation to us (Jn. 11:28; Mt. 11:28)

II. The care of Jesus that was revealed (Jn. 11:33-36)

A. His love declared (Jn, 11:3, 5) B. His love demonstrated (Jn. 11:35)

III. The control of Jesus that was realized (Jn. 11:4-44)

A. Mary learned about His purposes (Jn. 11:4, 6, 11, 17-18) B. Mary learned about His power (Jn. 11:38-44)

CONCLUSION

In life's terrible moments, what better place than "At The Feet of Jesus"! His care was sufficient for Mary, and His care is sufficient for you! Don't dwell on your sorrows alone, but turn them over now to the One you need most!

-Applying Today's Sermon to Your Life -

1. Our 2022 Bible studies focus on JESUS Through the Eyes of Luke, from Luke's Gospel and from his Book of Acts. In our study last week, we saw Mary sitting at Jesus' feet (Luke 10:39). Today we find Mary falling at Jesus' feet after the death of her brother, Lazarus (John 11:32). Our Verse-of-the-Week today is John 11:25, "Jesus said, 'I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me will live, even though he dies.'" Mary and Martha were grieving the death of their brother. When did you first learn what grief is like? What did you learn?
2. We usually agree that a person has not experienced the depths of grief until they

have lost either their parent, sibling, spouse or child. Why? In John 11, Mary

recognized her magnified need for Jesus after the death of her brother. If you

have had a similar season in your life, when was that? What was it like for you?
3. What resources are available for someone who is grief-stricken?
2 Corinthians

1:4 says we receive God's comfort so we can comfort others we the same

comfort that we ourselves have received. Have you received God's comfort?

How are you using God's comfort to help others now? Read 2 Corinthians 1:

3-7. What actions steps should you take now?

4. Answer the following as TRUE or FALSE:

T / F A Christian believes Jesus is the life; a non-Christian does not.

T / F Each person handles grief differently.

T / F Jesus cares when I've said goodbye to the dearest on earth to me.

T / F Mary and Martha expected Jesus to raise Lazarus from the dead.

T / F Deep grief can open anyone's eyes to their need for Christ.

T / F His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me.

T / F Jesus stood beside the grave of His friend and wept.

T / F I have made very poor decisions when dealing with grief.

T / F God comforts us, not to make us comfortable, but to make us comforters.

5. I'd grade my helping of the grief-stricken with an: A B C D F (circle)

6. What did Corrie ten Boom mean when she said, "If God sends us stony paths, He

provides strong shoes"? How has God provided you with strong shoes on your

stony paths?

7. Read John 11:1-53. After Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead, did everyone then

believe in Him? How do you explain John 11:45-53?

8. Imagine living today without faith, without knowing Jesus, without knowing how

to pray, and without a supportive church family. Now think about your neighbors,

your coworkers, your relatives, your classmates, your friends, and people in your

circle of acquaintance. Who needs your faith, your Jesus, your prayers, your

church family? Will you ask Jesus to make His appeal to them through you?

9. I will put today's Bible study into action now by: