



Luke 10:38–42

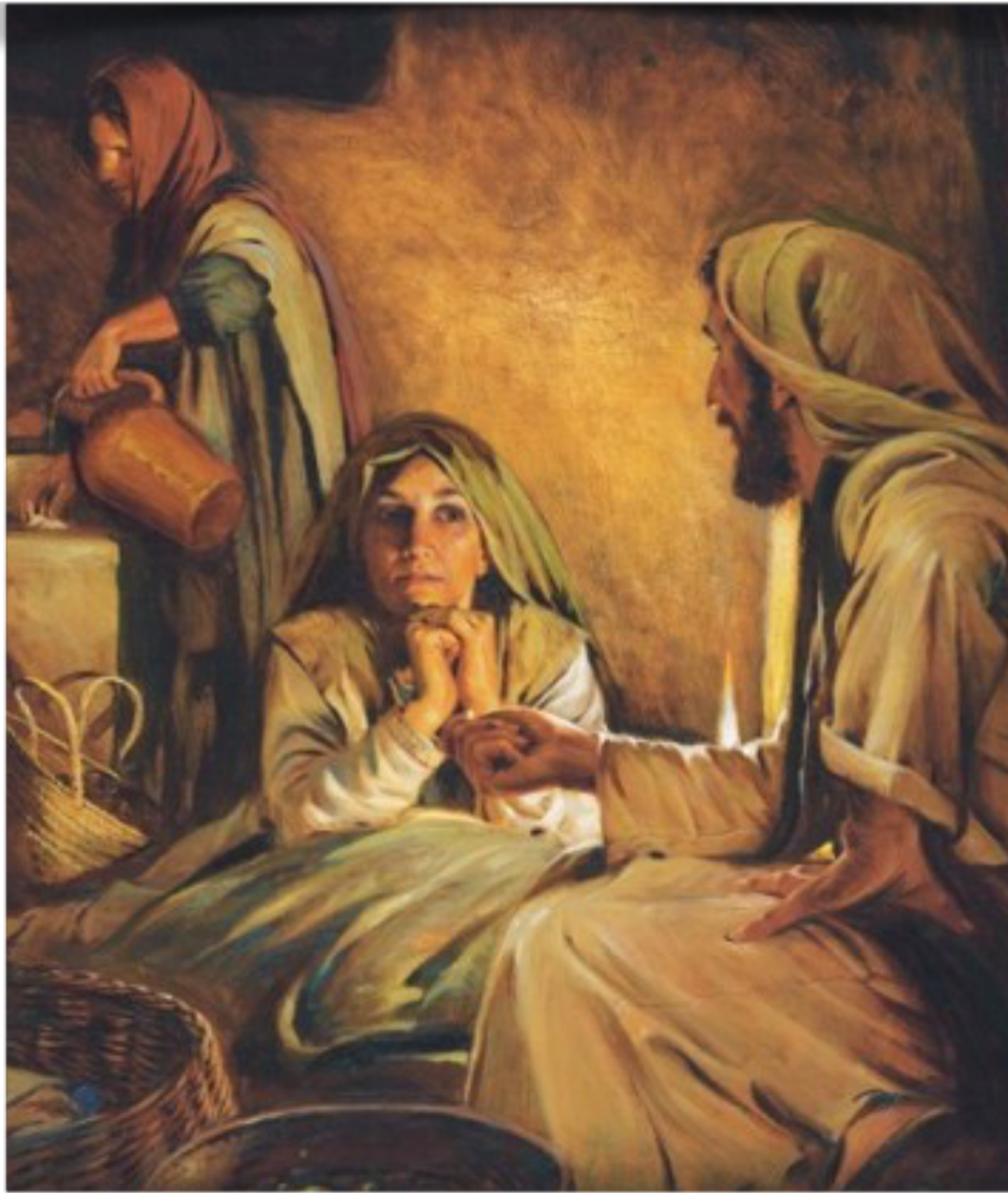
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Luke 10:38–42 (NKJV)

³⁸ Now it happened as they went that He entered a certain village; and a certain woman named Martha welcomed Him into her house. ³⁹ And she had a sister called Mary, who also sat at Jesus' feet and heard His word. ⁴⁰ But Martha was distracted with much serving, and she approached Him and said, "Lord, do You not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Therefore tell her to help me." ⁴¹ And Jesus answered and said to her, "**Martha, Martha, you are worried and troubled about many things. ⁴² But one thing is needed, and Mary has chosen that good part, which will not be taken away from her.**"

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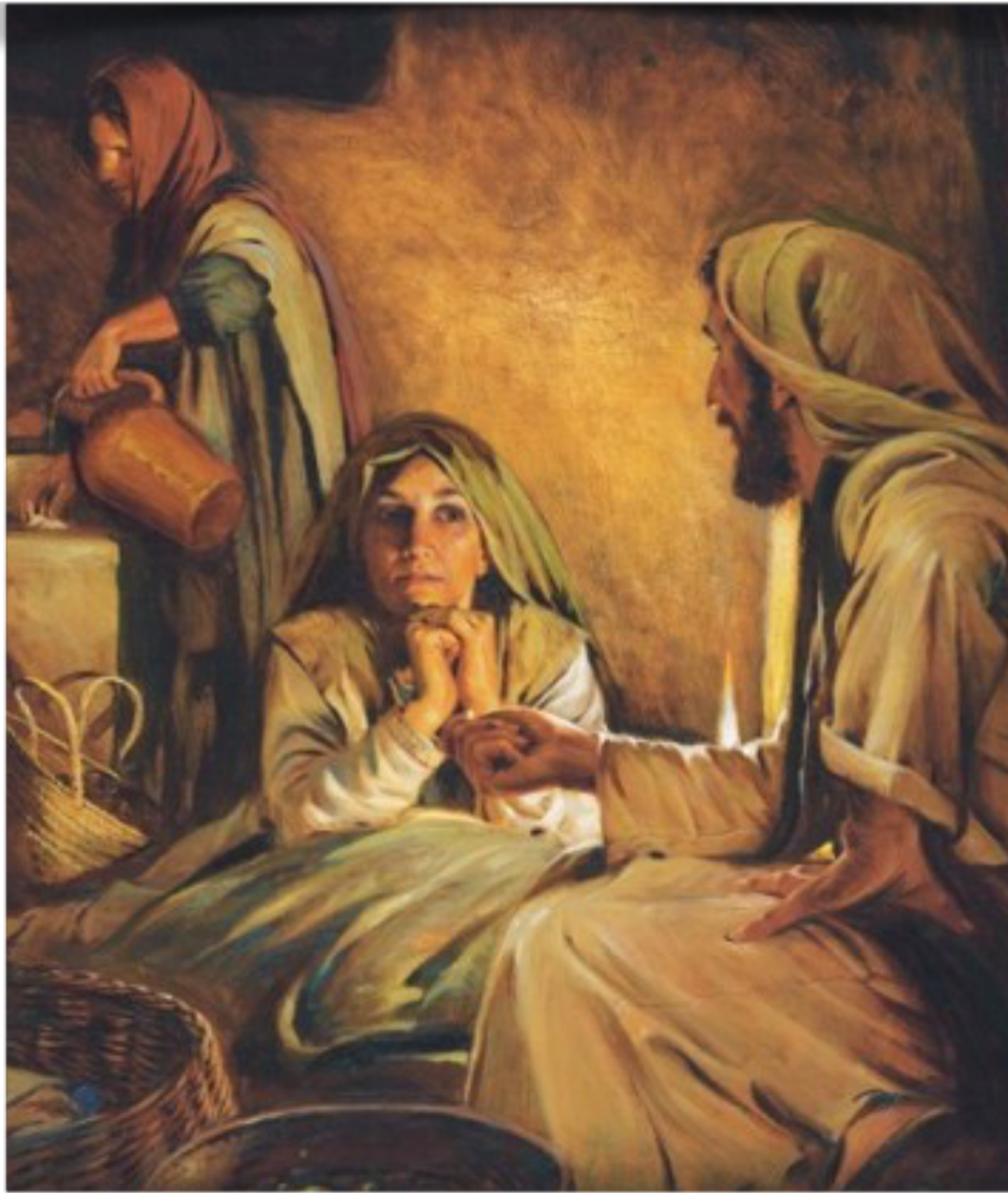
Martha & Mary



- Mary & Martha were sisters of Lazarus & lived in Bethany. Close friends with Jesus — John 11:1,2,5,35,36;
- Martha opens her home to Jesus & is busy providing for her guests — Luke 10:40; John 12:2
- Mary is always found at Jesus' feet — Luke 10:39; John 11:32; 12:3

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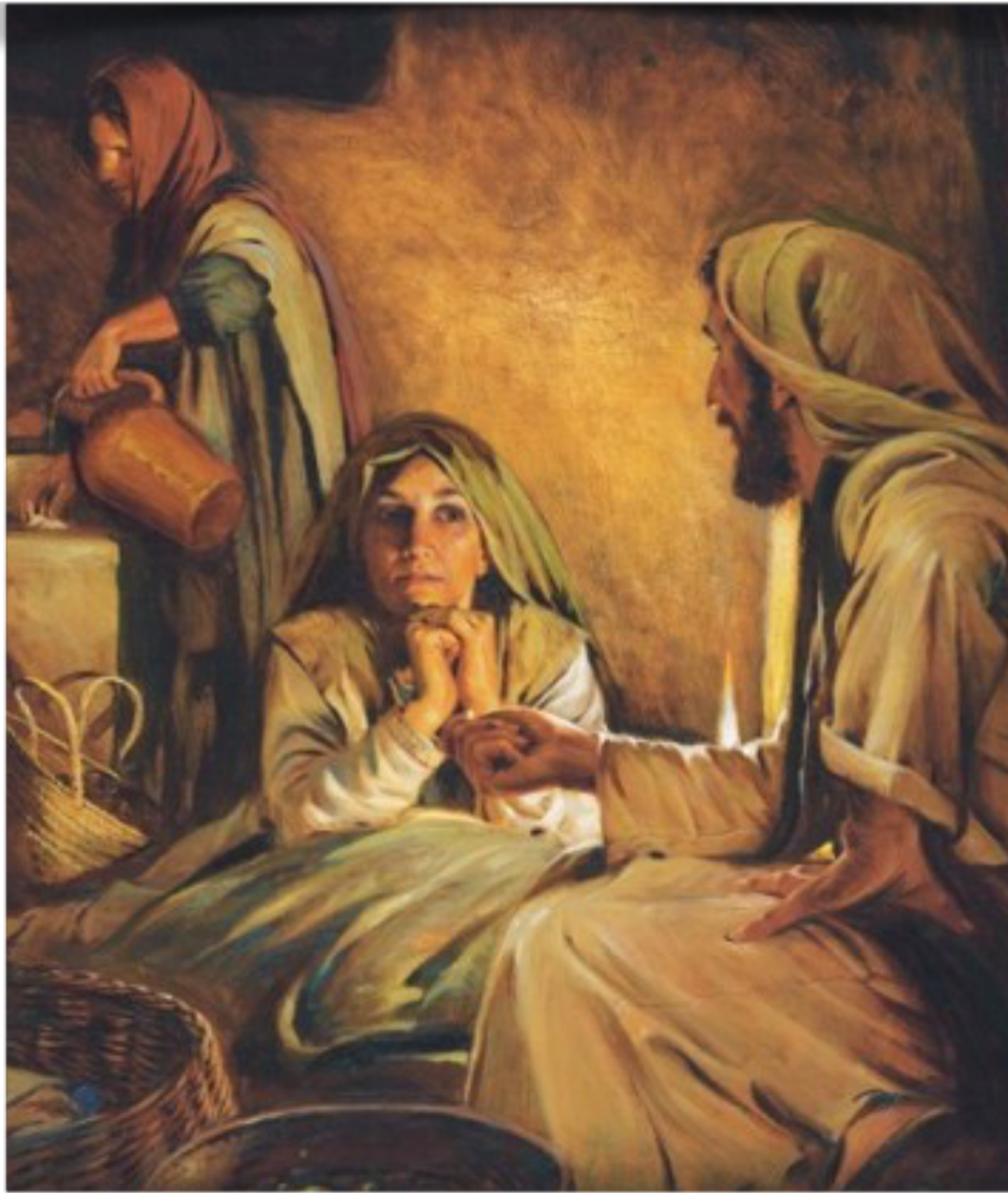
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- Luke 10:39 “And she had a sister called Mary, who also **sat at Jesus’ feet** and heard His word.”
- John 11:32 “... Mary came where Jesus was, and saw Him, she **fell down at His feet**, saying to Him, “Lord, if You had been here, my brother would not have died.”
- John 12:3 “Mary took a pound of very costly oil of spikenard, **anointed the feet of Jesus**, and wiped His feet with her hair.”

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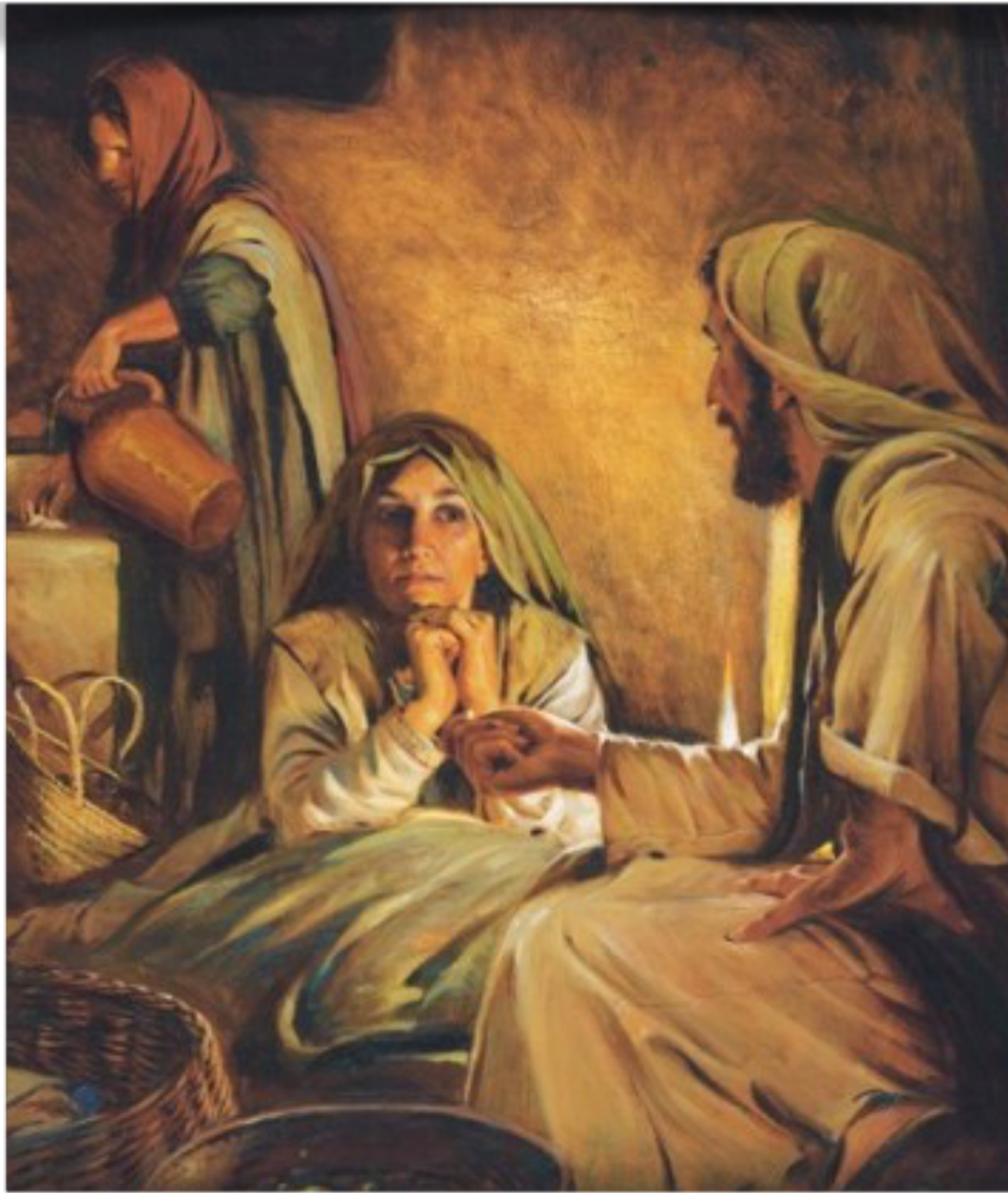
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- Martha's complaint to Jesus about what Mary was not doing was met with a gentle rebuke - Luke 10:41,42
- "Martha, Martha, you are **worried** and **troubled** about many things. ⁴² But one thing is needed, and Mary has chosen that good part, which will not be taken away from her." - Luke 10:41,42
- Martha was NOT a bad person - Not immoral - Not lacking in love for the Lord

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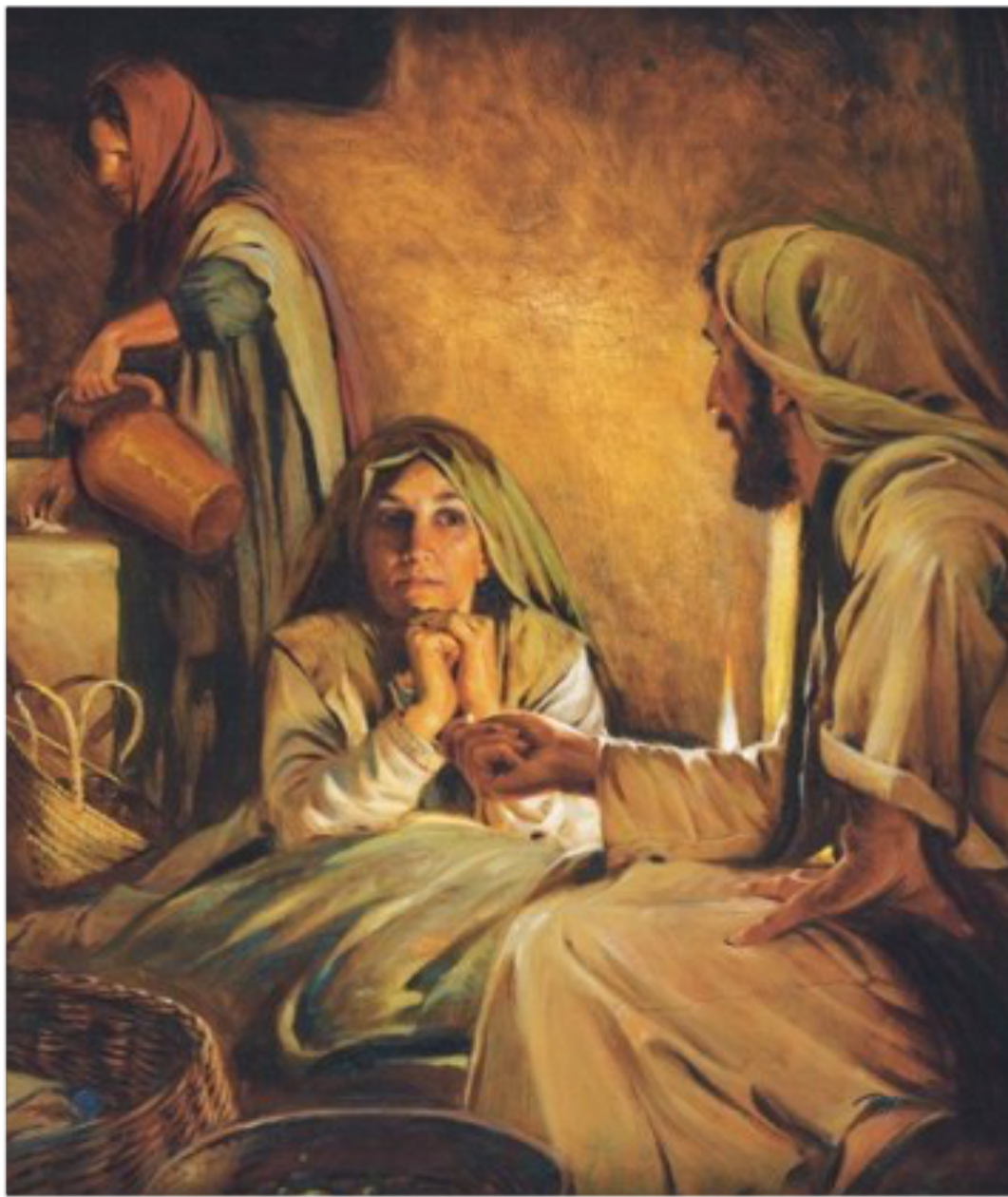


■ Martha was a genuine BELIEVER - but misguided — John 11:26

- 👁 “This needs to be done and Mary is not helping me ... Jesus, you have authority, make her help me ...”
- 👁 “Jesus, if you had been here ... BUT, whatever You ask of God, God will give You.” — John 11:21,22
- 👁 “Lord, by this time there is a stench, for he has been *dead* four days.” — John 12:39

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We Can EASILY Be Distracted



- Many are TOO distracted by the things of this world to TAKE time to listen, worship & serve the Lord! — Jn 4:24; 1 Jn 2:15-17; Rom. 1:25; Mat 13:19-22
- If God is NOT FIRST in our lives, even the greatest services rendered to our fellow-man do us no real good! — Mk 12:29-31

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The Pew Research Center

AUGUST 23, 2016

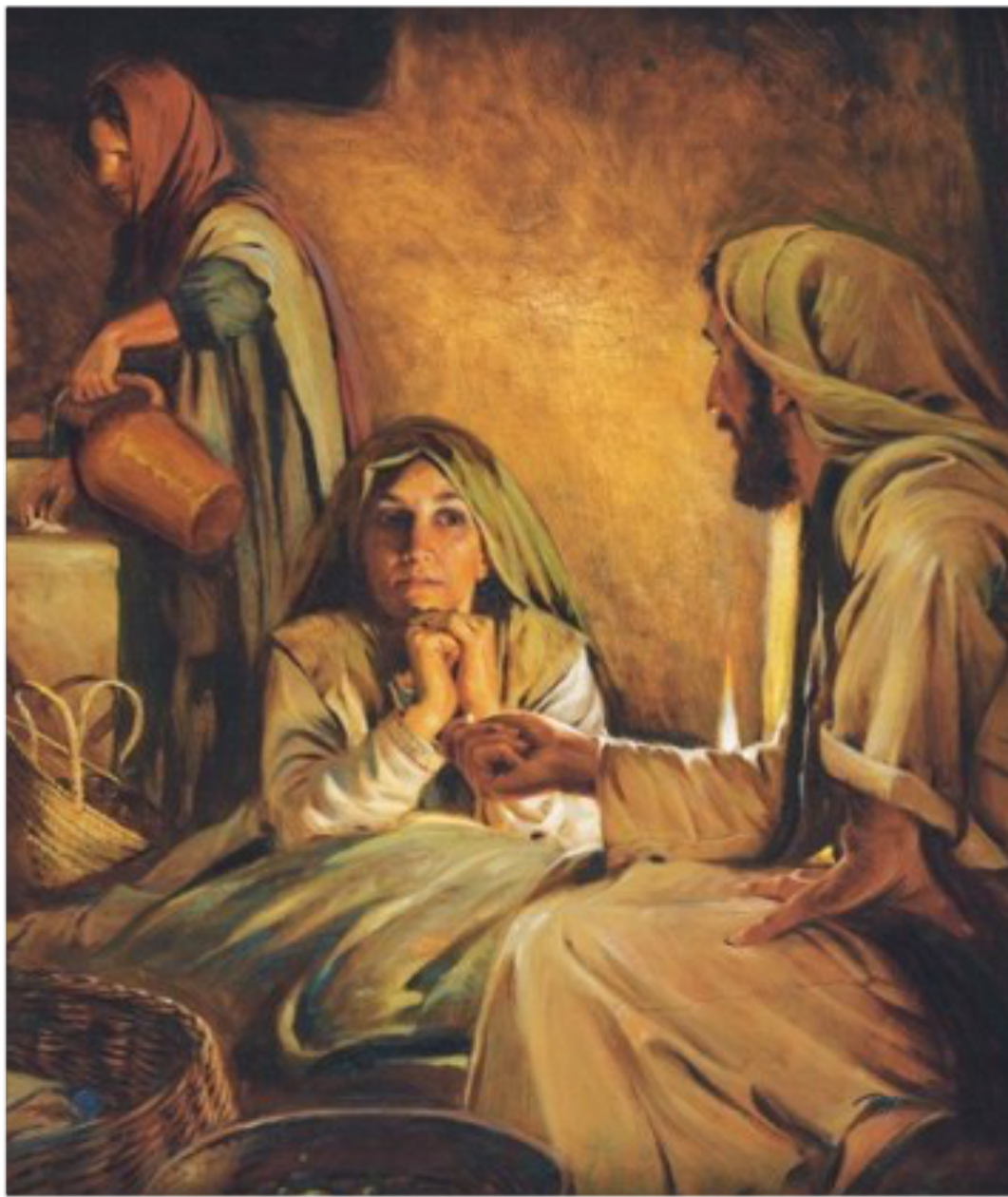
Choosing a New Church or House of Worship

“49% of American adults now attend religious services just a few times a year, rarely or never. ... A substantial proportion (22% of all U.S. adults) say they now go to religious services less often than they did at another point during adulthood.”

“... among those whose attendance has waned, the most commonly offered reasons have to do with practical concerns, including many who say they are too busy to attend ...”

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We Can EASILY Be Distracted



- WE, like Martha, can be “*worried & troubled about many things!*”
- 👁 Spiritual priorities, focus & nourishment is MUCH more important & valuable than physical & material provisions — Mat 6:19-33
- 👁 Even in our zeal to serve the Lord, we can focus on things & not on Him! — Rom 10:1-3

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**Materialistic
Priorities Results
In Anxiety**

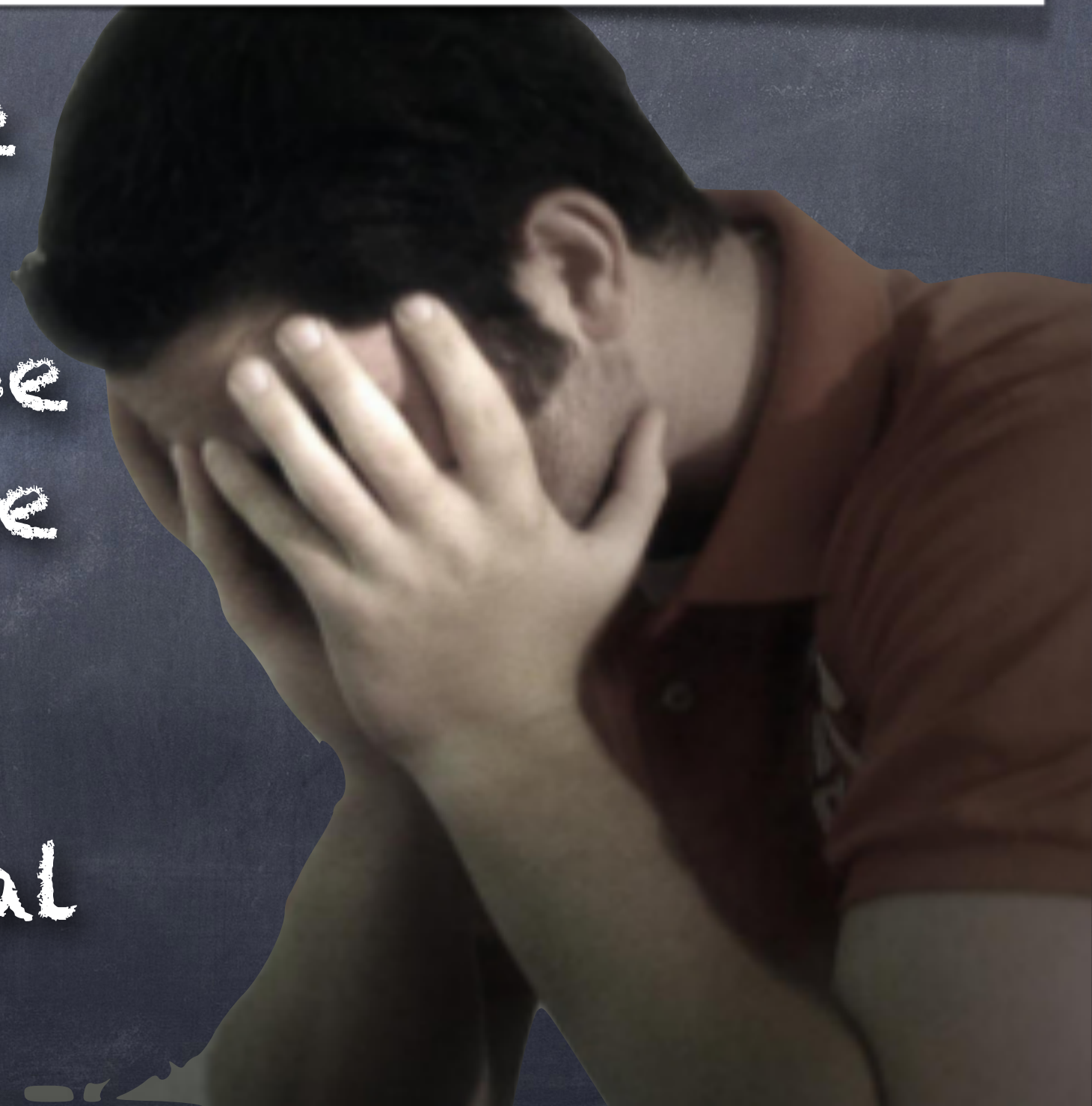
What will
become of the
material things
we LOVE?



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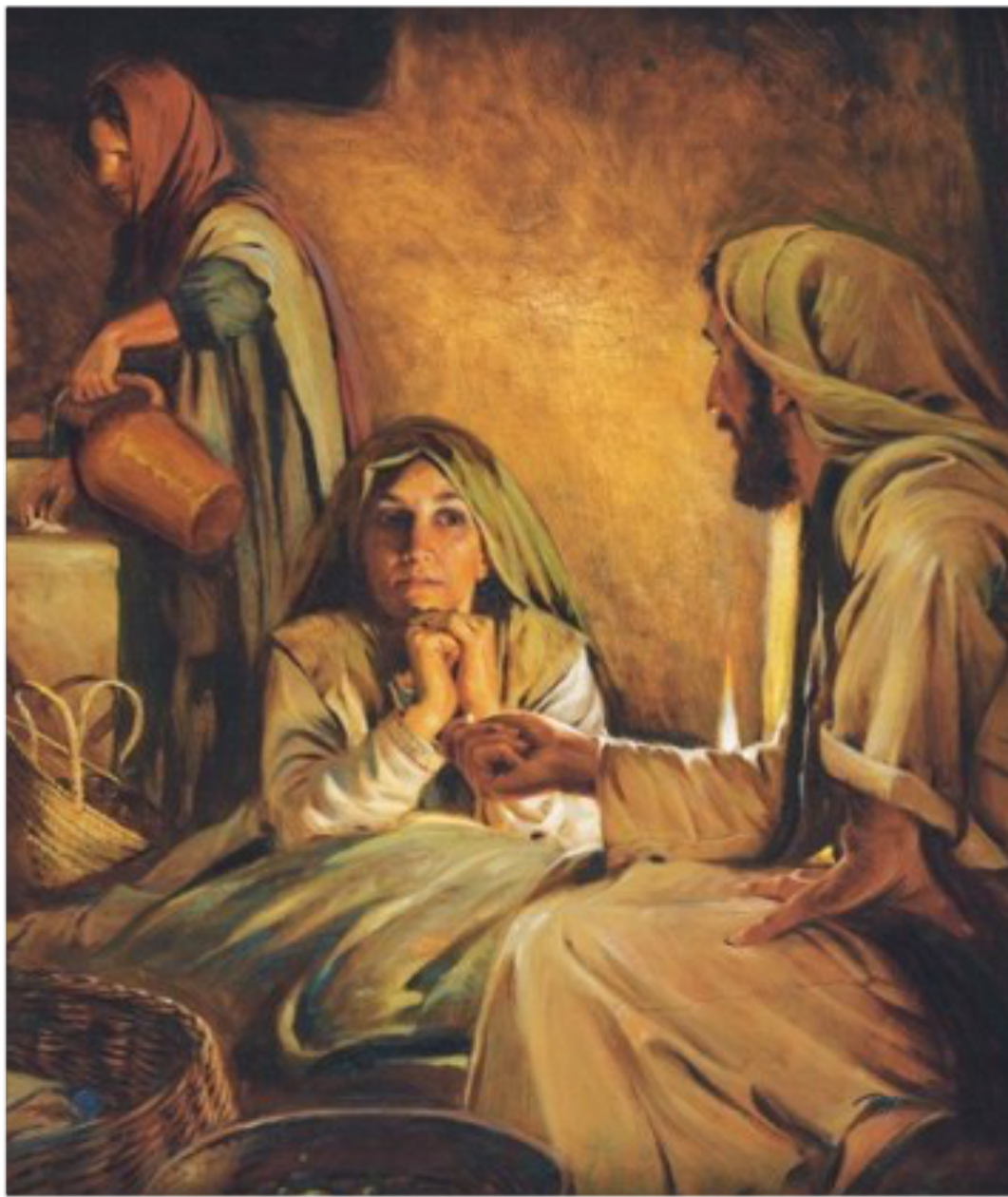
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Could it be we
are so busy
"serving" that we
do not TAKE the
time & effort
needed for
genuine spiritual
growth?



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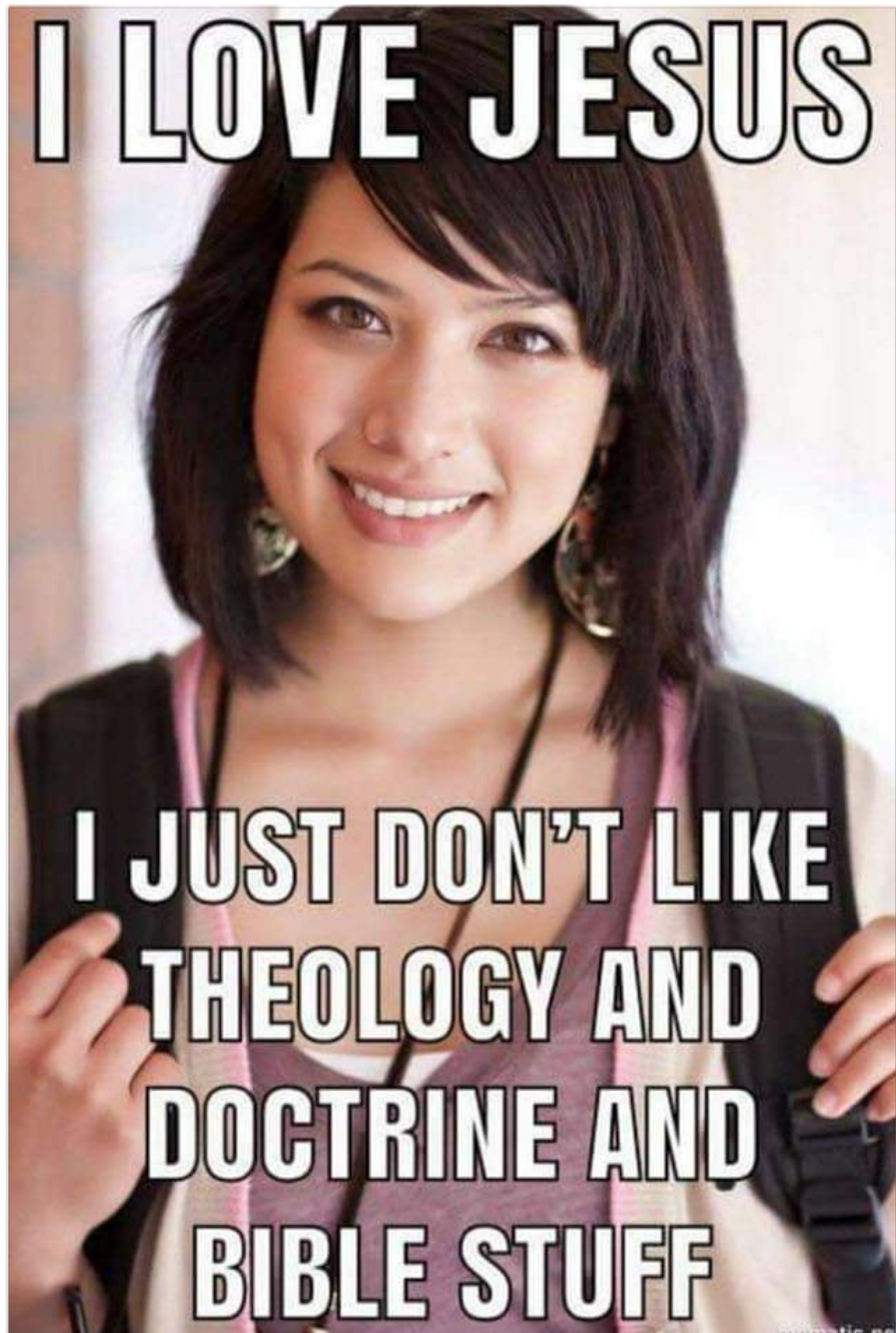
But One Thing is Needed



- TAKING the TIME for REAL SPIRITUAL GROWTH — Luke 10:42
- 👁️ Mary LISTENED to Jesus, BELIEVED Jesus' words — John 12:3-7
- 👁️ Sitting at the feet of Jesus - not JUST admiring Him - but LISTENING to Him - LEARNING from Him - Deut 18:18; Acts 3:21; Luke 6:46

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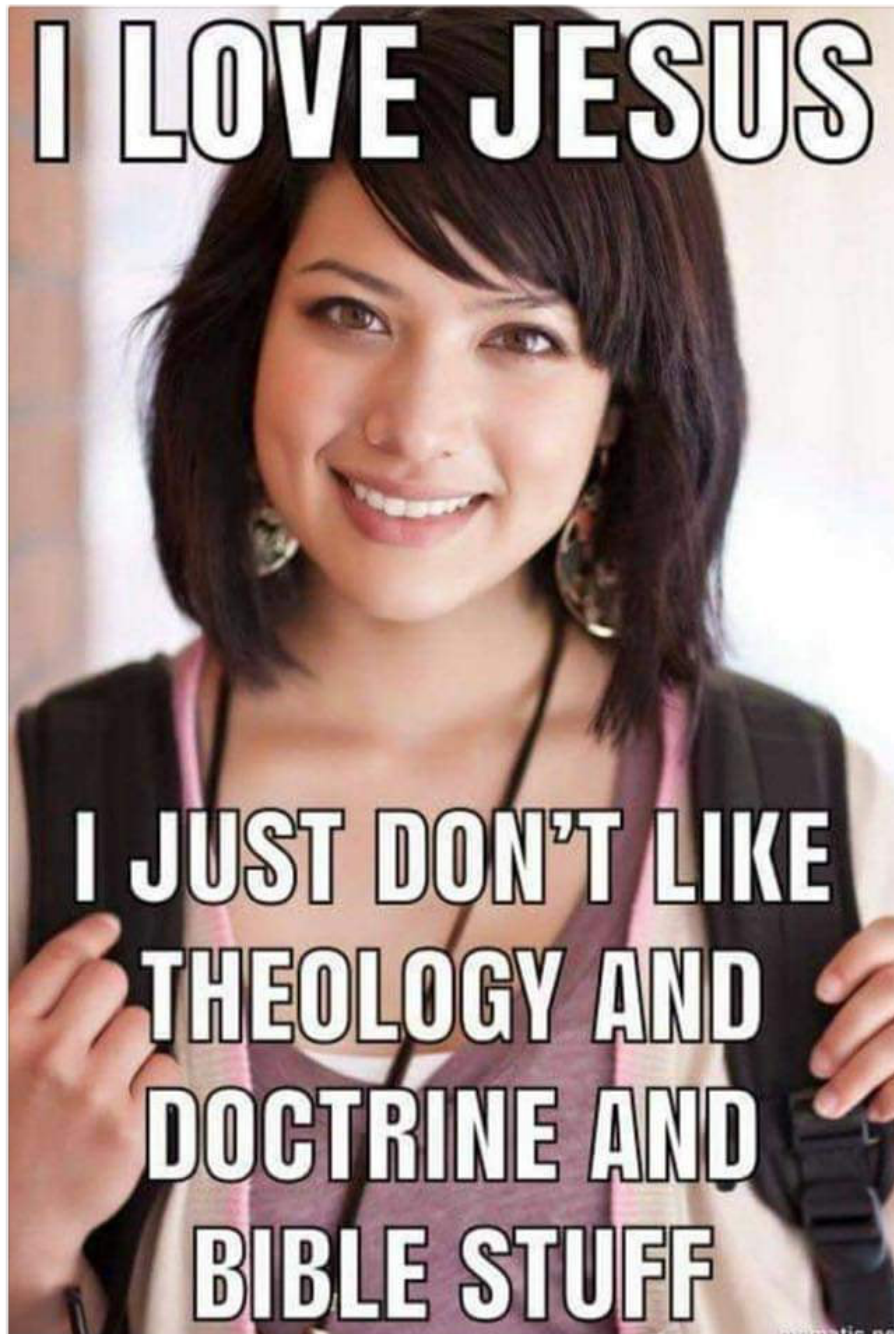


2 Timothy 4:2–4 (NKJV)

² Preach the word! Be ready in season *and* out of season. Convince, rebuke, exhort, with all longsuffering and teaching. ³ For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine, but according to their own desires, *because* they have itching ears, they will heap up for themselves teachers; ⁴ and they will turn *their* ears away from the truth, and be turned aside to fables.

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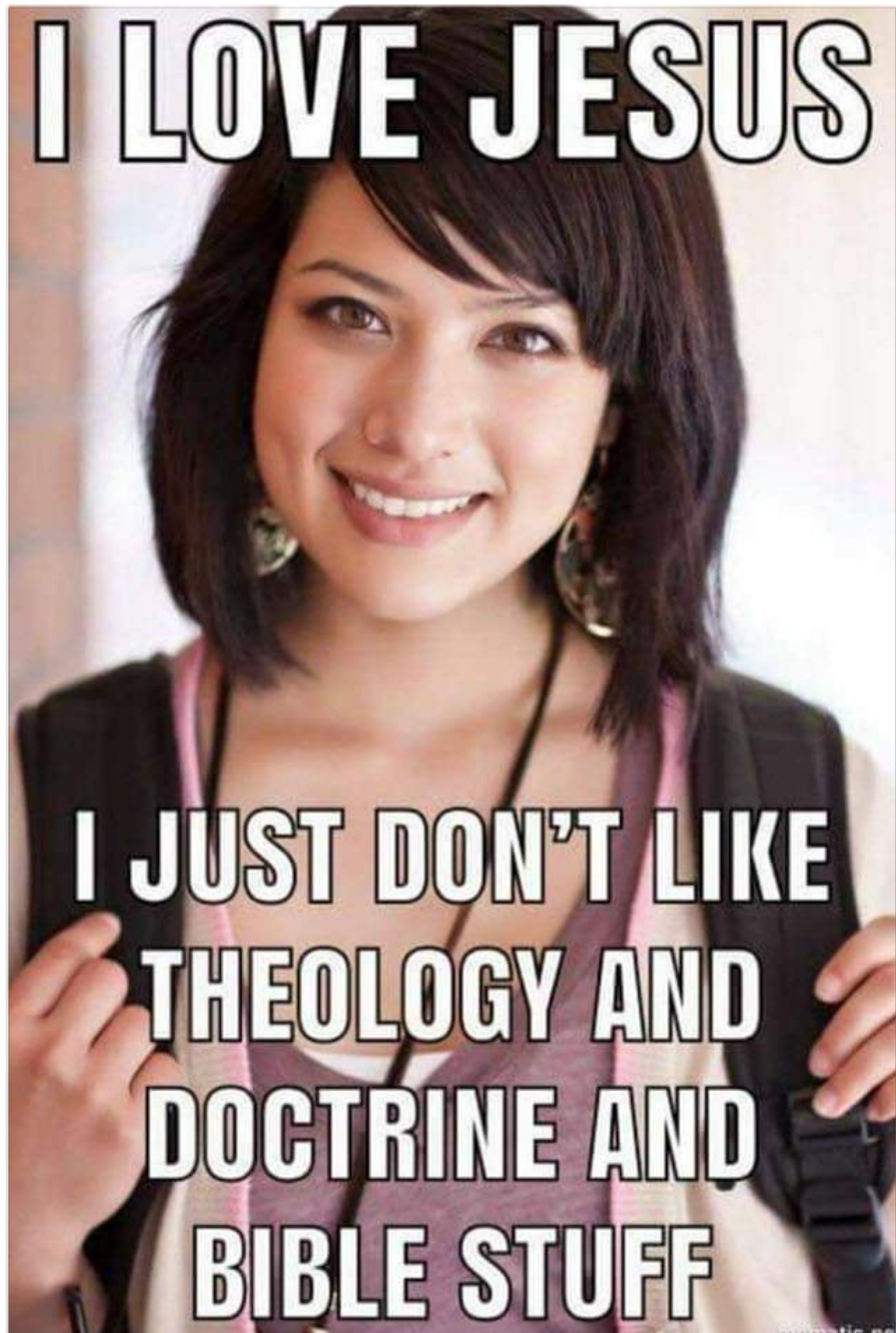
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- Those who TRULY COME to CHRIST are those who LEARN of Him — Mat 11:28-30
- Jesus' sheep HEAR His voice and FOLLOW Him — John 10:27; Mat. 16:24; Lu. 9:23.
- Spiritual growth CANNOT occur apart from learning what Jesus teaches in His word! — Mat. 28:19; Rom 10:17; John 6:63; Lk 6:46

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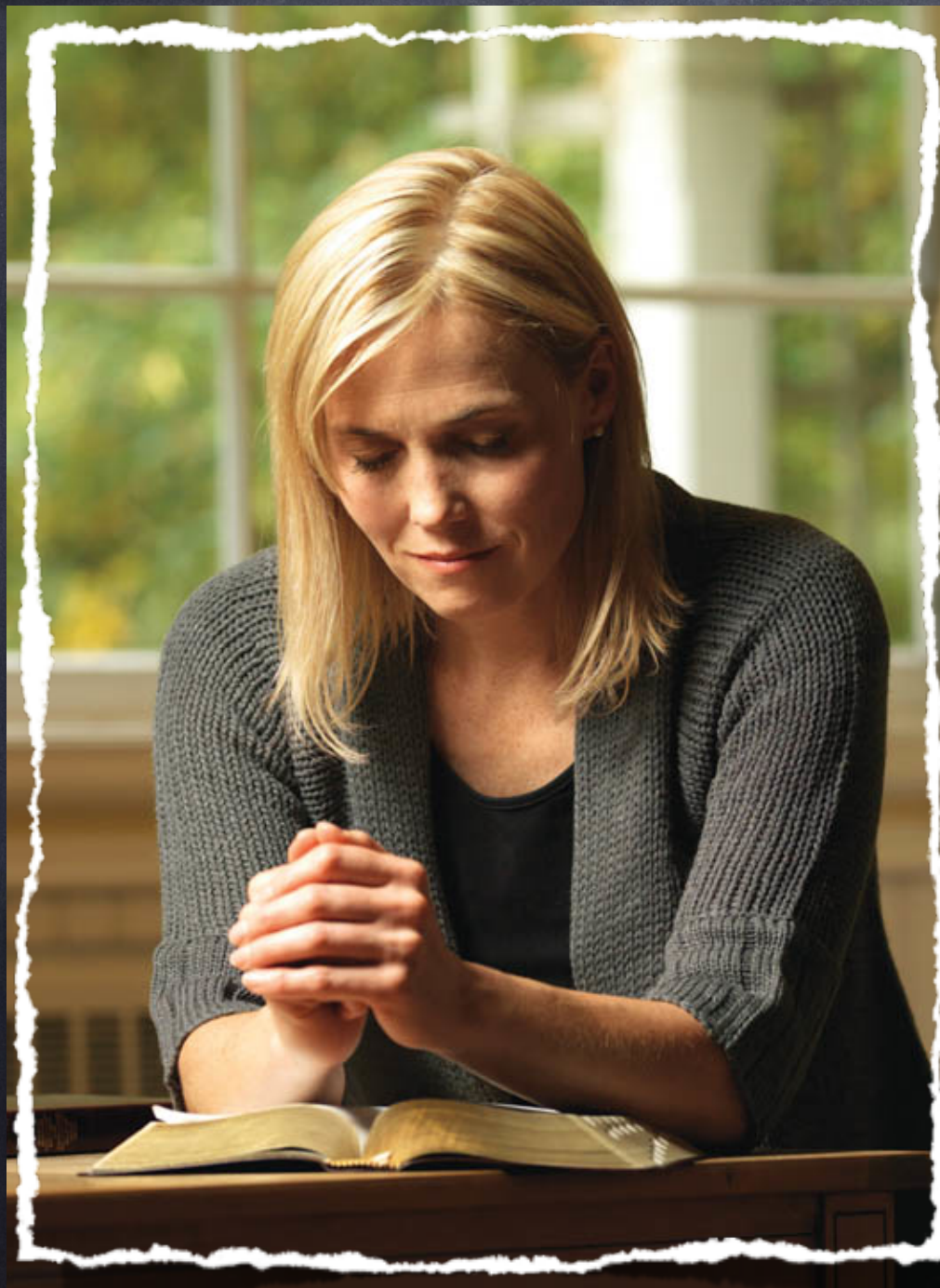


John 12:48 (NKJV)

⁴⁸ He who rejects Me, and does not receive My words, has that which judges him—the word that I have spoken will judge him in the last day.

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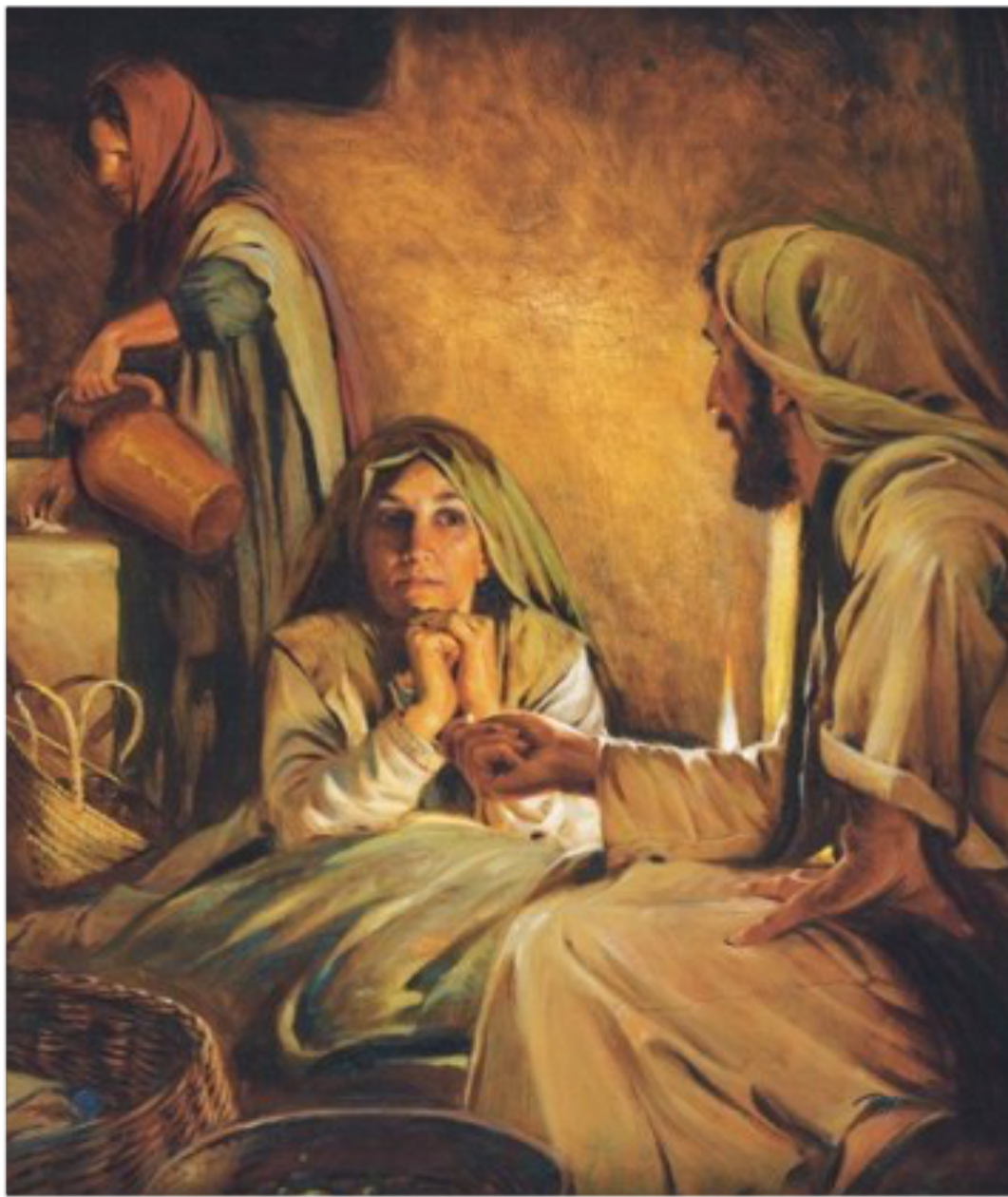
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- Importance of worship services - Heb 10:24,25; 2 Tim 4:2,3; 1 Cor. 14
- Importance of Bible classes — Eph. 4:11-16
- Importance of personal Bible reading & study — Acts 17:11
- Importance of prayer, meditation & reflection — 1 Tim 4:15; 2 Col 13:5

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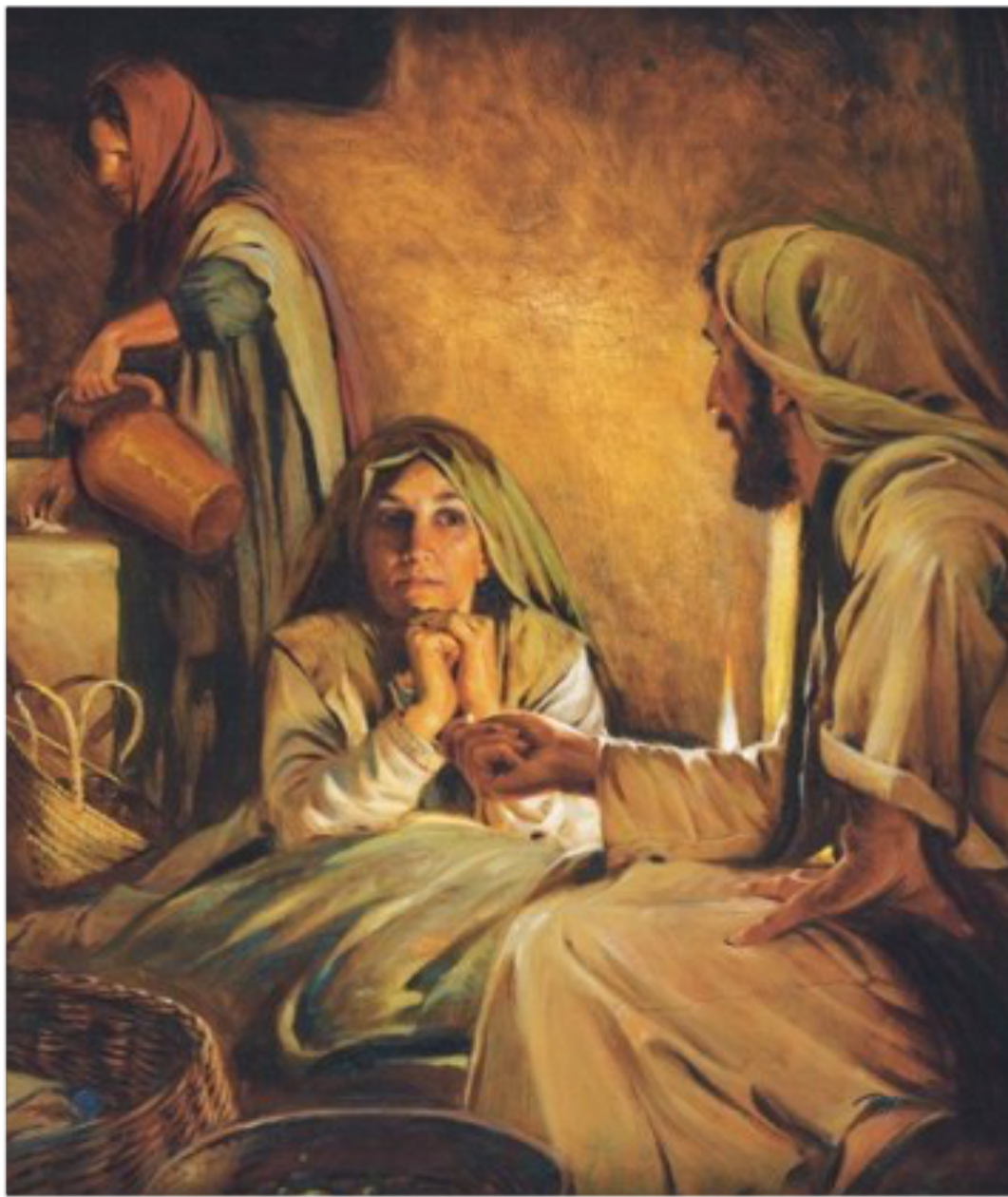
Mary Has Chosen That Good Part



- Mary Made her choice - She valued the words of Jesus more than anything — Lk 10:39; Ps. 17:15; 119:30, 97-104; 111, 173
- Trusted in Jesus even in grief — John 11:32,33
- Demonstrated her faith by honoring Him while she could — John 12:3-7

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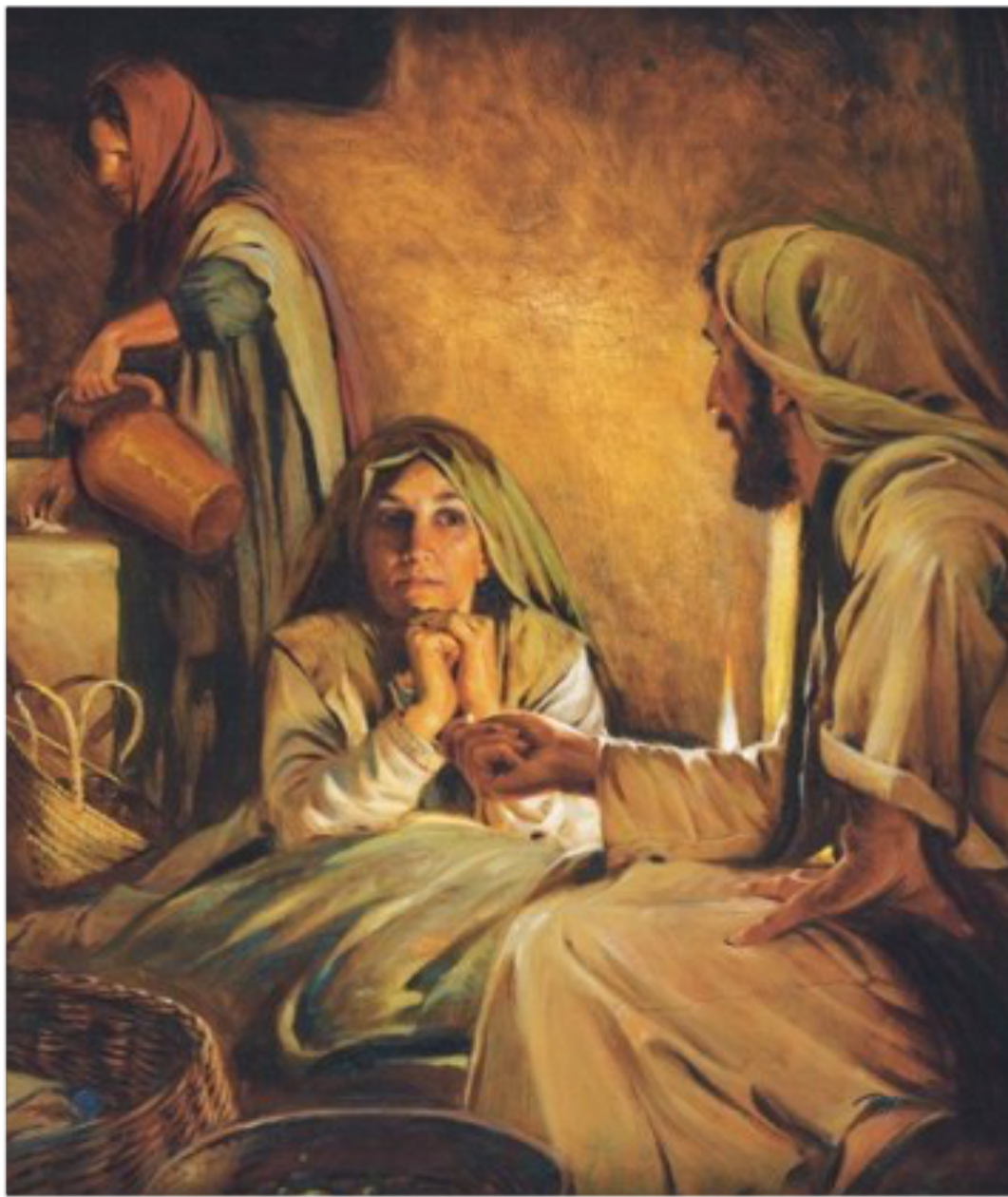
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- Like Peter, when he & the other apostles were asked by Jesus, “will you also go away?” - May we respond ...
- ⁶⁸ ... “Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. ⁶⁹ Also we have come to believe and know that You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.” — John 6:68–69

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We CHOOSE That Good Part When ...



- We take the time to hear & do what Jesus says - Mat. 7:21-27
- We “Put on Christ?” – Rom. 13:14; Gal. 3:27
- We allow Christ to govern our lives – Gal. 2:20; 2 Cor. 4:10; Col. 3:17
- We are “conformed into His image” – Rom. 8:29; 12:1,2; Col. 3:10

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Martha, Martha, you are worried
and troubled about many things.



Externals lose
their power over us
when we, through
the eyes of faith,
focus upon the
things of God!

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Mary has chosen that good part, which will not be taken away from her.



While it is important that we serve others, it is even more important that we first are at the feet of Jesus listening, worshipping, and caring for Him.



Sitting AT THE FEET OF JESUS

Forgiveness,
Salvation,
Guidance, and
Eternal life —
Mark 16:16;
Hebrews 5:8.9;
1 John 1:6; 3:3,7

When We Sit
At The FEET
of JESUS We
FIND:

Sitting AT THE FEET OF JESUS

PEACE

CONTENTMENT

UNDERSTANDING

HUMILITY

CONFIDENCE

ENDURANCE

LOVE

HOPE

When We Sit
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LEARN:



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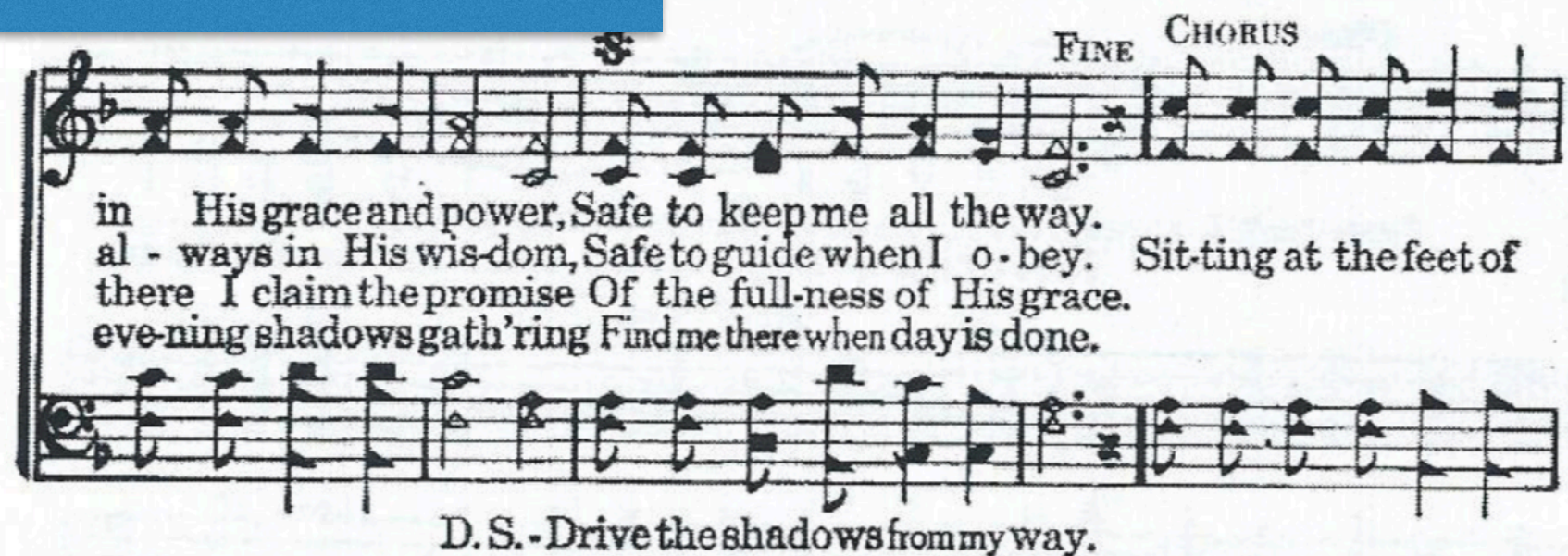
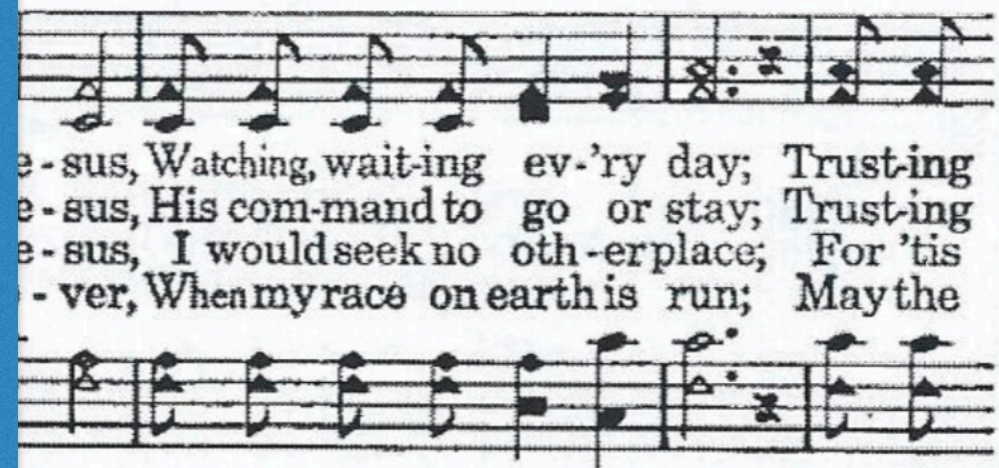
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Sitting at the feet of Jesus, Where
 can a mortal be more Blessed?
 There I lay my sins and sorrows, And
 when weary, find sweet rest.
 Sitting at the feet of Jesus, where I
 love to worship and pray, While I,
 from His fulness gather, Grace and
 comfort every day.

The Feet Of Jesus

J. W. Davis



John 12:1–8 (NKJV)

¹ Then, six days before the Passover, Jesus came to Bethany, where Lazarus was who had been dead, whom He had raised from the dead. ² There they made Him a supper; and Martha served, but Lazarus was one of those who sat at the table with Him. ³ Then Mary took a pound of very costly oil of spikenard, anointed the feet of Jesus, and wiped His feet with her hair. And the house was filled with the fragrance of the oil.

John 12:1–8 (NKJV)

⁴ But one of His disciples, Judas Iscariot, Simon's *son*, who would betray Him, said, ⁵ "Why was this fragrant oil not sold for three hundred denarii and given to the poor?" ⁶ This he said, not that he cared for the poor, but because he was a thief, and had the money box; and he used to take what was put in it. ⁷ But Jesus said, "Let her alone; she has kept this for the day of My burial. ⁸ For the poor you have with you always, but Me you do not have always."