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Bible Studies for Seniors

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## STUDY 1: Bethany - In the Home.



*Suggested Further Reading:* • Mark 6: 7-13  
• Romans 12: 1-2 • Isaiah 40: 28-31

**READ:**  
Luke 10: 38-42

**KEY VERSE:**  
Mark 6: 31

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During the three years of His public work, nobody knows how many miles the Lord Jesus walked in His travels through Judaea and Galilee. He must often have been tired and hungry, and felt ready for a rest. It is very likely that the home of Mary and Martha was a place where He was always welcome for a rest and a meal.

Q: Look at John 11: 1 to discover where Mary and Martha lived.   /1

Q: This village is only a short distance from the capital city of Judaea which is  See John 11: 18.  /1

Travellers to the capital have to go up steep roads to get to the city. Many would stop in Mary and Martha's village for a break before going up the last part of the slope to the city.

Q: According to Luke 10: 38 what did Martha do when Jesus came to her village?  
  
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The two sisters were very different in character.

Q: The missing words from the following sentences are in the Word Search. Circle the words and put them in the correct places in the sentences. They are hidden backwards, forwards, up or down.

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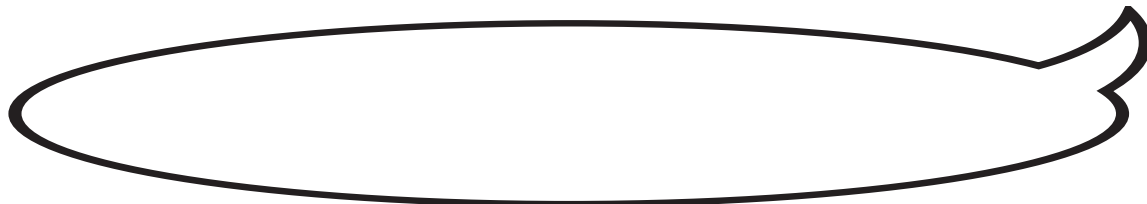
The Lord Jesus and His \_\_\_\_\_ visited the home of Mary and Martha. Mary was \_\_\_\_\_ at the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Lord Jesus, \_\_\_\_\_ to what He said. Martha was busy preparing a \_\_\_\_\_ .

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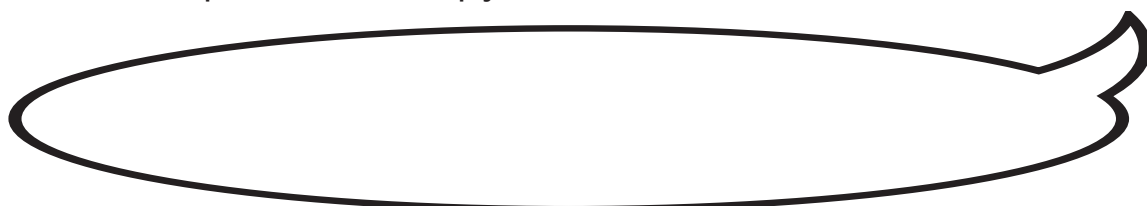
Mary wanted to learn from the Lord Jesus. She could only do this by being close to Him and concentrating on what He was saying. Maybe she had not heard Him speak like this before. Martha was much more concerned with her domestic duties. It is very easy to be like Martha and be so busy with homework, sports, computer, T.V. etc, that we don't take time to read God's Word and pray. If we don't stop and listen to the Lord, we will never know what He has to say to us. Martha was not very pleased.

**Q: What was her complaint to the Lord Jesus?**



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**Q: Write the part of the Lord's reply found in verse 41.**



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In verse 42 the Lord Jesus continues His reply to Martha.

**Q: Write IN YOUR OWN WORDS what the Lord Jesus meant by this reply.**

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On one occasion, the disciples were in a very busy situation, just as Martha was.

**Q: Write out the Key Verse and underline the actual words the Lord Jesus said to them.**

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**Q: Look at Mark 6: 7-13 and write TRUE or FALSE to the following statements:-**

The Lord Jesus had sent the disciples out in pairs.

They had been told to go and explore the countryside.

The disciples told people to turn to God and repent.

Jesus gave them authority over evil spirits.

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The disciples spent the day listening to the Lord Jesus, as Mary had done. If they had not listened they would not have known what to do. The advice to remember from this study is:-

**'Don't be so busy in your life that you don't have time to listen to and to learn from the Lord Jesus.'**

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## STUDY 2: Bethany - At the Tomb.



**READ:**  
*John 11: 1-44*



**KEY VERSES:**  
*John 11: 25 & 26*



*Suggested Further Reading: • Luke 23: 39-43 • 1 Corinthians 15 • Philippians 1: 21-23*

It was sometime later that the Lord Jesus made another visit to Bethany. It's likely that He was a regular visitor there.

**Q: Which verse in the Bible Reading tells us how the Lord Jesus felt about the family at Bethany?**

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**Q: CROSSWORD**

**CLUES DOWN**

1. The Lord Jesus said that Lazarus' sickness was for the ..... of God. (v. 4)
3. The disciples were frightened to go to Judaea because the Jews had tried to ..... Jesus. (v. 8)
4. The disciples thought Lazarus would get ..... . (v. 12)
5. The Lord Jesus said that Lazarus was ..... . (v. 11)



**CLUES ACROSS**

2. When He heard the news He stayed where He was for ..... more days. (v. 6)
6. Thomas thought that if they went with Him to Judaea, they would probably ..... . (v. 16)
7. The Lord Jesus had to tell them plainly that Lazarus was ..... . (v. 14)

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**Q: When the Lord Jesus arrived at Bethany, the following took place. Fill in the missing words.**

Lazarus had been dead \_\_\_\_\_ days. Some \_\_\_\_\_ had come from Jerusalem to comfort Mary and Martha. Jerusalem was only \_\_\_\_\_ away.  
\_\_\_\_\_ immediately ran out to meet Jesus, but \_\_\_\_\_ stayed in the house.

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Eventually, both sisters came to the Lord Jesus. The interesting thing is that both of them said the same words when they saw Him.

**Q: What did they say?**

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The Lord Jesus was able to bring comfort and hope to them.

**Q: Write out the Key Verses.**

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The Lord Jesus was asking Martha whether she was prepared to trust Him for eternal life. It's not likely that Martha understood what the Lord Jesus had said, because He was speaking of two kinds of death.

**1) Physical or Natural Death.**

This takes place when, like Lazarus, our bodies become ill and die.

**2) Spiritual Death.**

This is the result of sin. It means separation from God.

If we die with our sins unforgiven, we will be separated from Him forever.

Even though the end of our life comes and we die, if we have trusted in the Lord Jesus then we shall go to be with Him for ever in Heaven. For Christians, death is not the end of life. See Philipians 1: 21-23.

**Q: Look at John 3: 16 and John 5: 24 and write down what is promised to those who believe in the Lord Jesus.**

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**Have you believed and received what He promises?**



The Lord Jesus now demonstrated that He had power over death by raising Lazarus from the dead.

**Q: Look at the last ten verses of the Bible Reading.**

**What did Jesus do which showed He was human?**

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**What did Jesus do which showed He was God?**

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## STUDY 3: Bethany - At the Table.



*Suggested Further Reading:* • Exodus 12 • Matthew 2: 1-11



**READ:**  
John 11: 55-57  
& John 12: 1-11



**KEY VERSE:**  
Psalm 95: 6

After the resurrection of Lazarus, it might have been thought that everyone would believe that Jesus was the Messiah. This was not the case. Instead, the chief priests and Pharisees plotted to kill Him.

**The Messiah, or Christ, was the name of God's chosen deliverer.**

**Q:** Look at John 11: 57 and explain **IN YOUR OWN WORDS** the orders that the religious leaders gave.

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Most Jews wanted to go to Jerusalem at Passover time. Once a year they celebrated the fact that God had delivered them from slavery in Egypt.

**Q:** Who were Israel's leaders at that time? (See Exodus 12: 1)

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**Q:** Jesus visited the home of Lazarus, Mary and Martha. Answer **TRUE** or **FALSE** to the following:-

Lazarus was too ill to attend the meal.

The Lord Jesus was the main guest.

Martha had decided to sit at Jesus' feet.

The disciples were too frightened to come to Bethany.

The meal took place six days before the Passover.

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**Q:** What unusual thing did Mary do and what was the result of her action?

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Mary was doing something similar to what the Wise Men had done when they came at Jesus' birth.

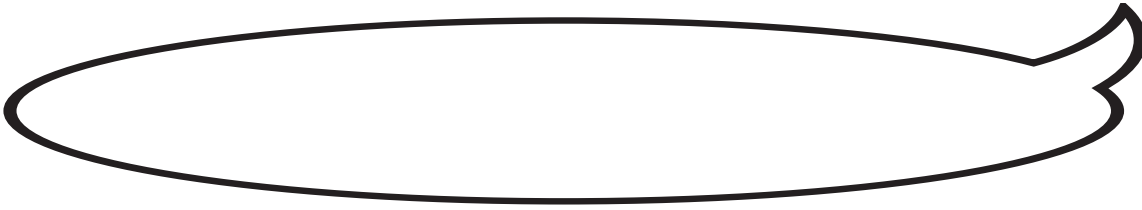
**Q:** Look at Matthew 2: 11 and write down the one word which describes their action.

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On this occasion, Mary wanted to show her love to the Lord. She willingly gave to the Lord that which cost her a great deal of money, approximately a worker's yearly wage.

Judas was not prepared to make a sacrifice as Mary had done. Instead, he was selfish.

Q: What did he say?



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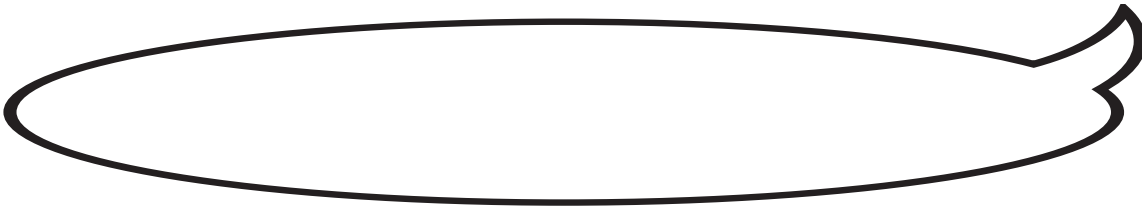


Q: The Bible Reading tells us some things about Judas. List three of them.

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Q: Write out the Lord Jesus' reply to Judas.



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Q: Write out the Key Verse. Underline one word which sums up the theme of this study.

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Mary had listened to the Lord Jesus. She had also witnessed her brother being raised from the dead. Now she was beginning to understand that He is the Son of God. This is why she showed her love in worshipping Him.

Today, Christians can show love to the Lord Jesus by obeying His commands.

Q: Find John 14: 15, and write it out.

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Ask the Lord Jesus to help you to do this.

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## STUDY 4: Bethany - On the way to Jerusalem.



*Suggested Further Reading:* • Zechariah 9: 9 -13 • John 12: 12 -19



**READ:**  
Luke 19: 28-41



**KEY VERSE:**  
John 1: 12

The Lord Jesus is preparing for what is now sometimes called 'Palm Sunday' or the 'Triumphal Entry' into Jerusalem. Once again, He is near Bethany and ready to make the final ascent to the great city. In this series of studies we have been thinking of three other occasions when the Lord visited Bethany.

**Q: Unjumble the words to remind yourself of the key points we have learned from each of His visits.**

In the first study we learned to be like Mary and **TINSEL** \_\_\_\_\_ to Him.

In the second, to be like Martha and **LIEEBEV** \_\_\_\_\_ in Him.

In the third, to be like Mary and **SOWPIRH** \_\_\_\_\_ Him.

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It was about two miles to Jerusalem and the Lord would have walked there many times, but now He chose to travel very differently.

**Q: What instructions did the Lord Jesus give to the two disciples?**

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**Q: What were they to say to anyone who asked them what they were doing?**

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There are two remarkable things here. First, the Lord Jesus asked His disciples to do something unusual, but they obeyed Him. Second, the owner of the colt (donkey) was prepared to part with something which belonged to him, and let the Lord have it. Are there things which the Lord wants you to do and you are not prepared to obey Him? Are there things He wants you to give to Him but you are not willing to let Him have them?

**Q: Answer YES or NO to the following:-**

Some people put their cloaks on the road.

A leather saddle was put on the colt.

Jesus rode on the colt.

Some of the Pharisees shouted against Jesus.

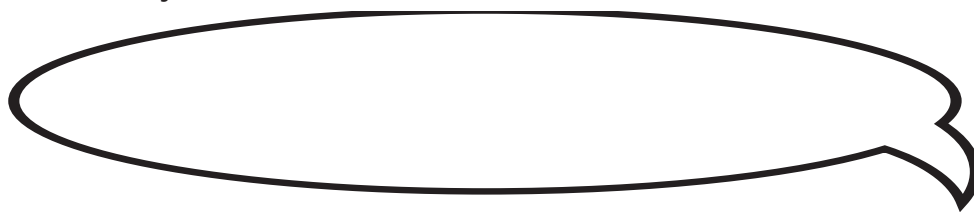
The road went down the Mount of Olives.

The Lord Jesus was pleased when He saw Jerusalem.

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Q: Look at the Bible Reading and write out the Song of Praise which was sung that day.



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Q: Using John 12: 13 write a sentence to explain what else they did.

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Q: Write out the Key Verse.

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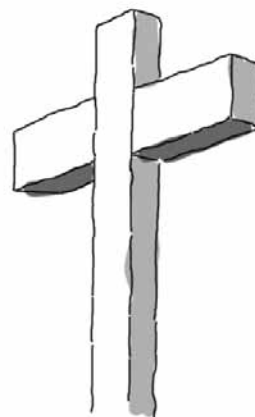
Q: About 500 years before, God had said that this day would come. Look up this prophecy in Zechariah 9: 9 and write **IN YOUR OWN WORDS** how the Lord Jesus made this come true.

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That day, the Lord Jesus was welcomed into Jerusalem. Have you ever welcomed Him into your life?

Why not make this your prayer?

All my life, Lord,  
To you I want to give,  
This is my worship,  
Please show me how to live.  
Take every part of me,  
Make it your own,  
Me on the cross, Lord,  
You on the throne.



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