

Martha, Martha, Please Sit Down

Luke 10:38-42

Dinner at Martha's house where Jesus tells Martha that Mary **CHOSE** the good part.

John 11:1, 5, 14, 15, 20, 21, 22, 28, 29, 32, 33

Lazarus' death and wake at Martha and Mary's home in their village. Martha hollers at Jesus for being late, whispers to Mary that the Teacher is calling for her. Mary weeps at the loss of her brother and Jesus raises Lazarus from the dead.

John 12:1, 2, 3

AFTER the resurrection of Lazarus, Martha, Mary, and Lazarus' have a supper for Jesus, and Mary anoints Jesus' feet with costly perfume. Mary and Lazarus were sitting (or reclining). Martha was **STILL** serving. (John 12:2)

Summary

Martha had two chances to learn to sit down and receive the anointing while it was present. Instead, she **CHOSE** "service" over "anointing."

"Service" is not a command, it is a choice. Receiving the anointing is a choice, too.