



Ducks in a Row: Week 2 Many Things

Bible Reading

Luke 10:38-42

[\[04:12\]](#)

John 11:32-44

[\[29:58\]](#)

Observation questions

1. In Luke 10, what are Martha and Mary each doing while Jesus is in the house, and how does the passage describe Martha's inner condition? [\[05:18\]](#)
2. What does Martha actually say to Jesus, and what does that reveal about how overwhelmed she feels in that moment? [\[13:44\]](#)
3. In Jesus' response to Martha, what words does he use to describe her, and what does he say Mary has chosen? [\[19:38\]](#)
4. In John 11, what does Mary do again when she comes to Jesus, and what does Jesus do at Lazarus's tomb that Martha and Mary could not do for themselves? [\[28:16\]](#)

Interpretation questions

1. Martha is doing something good, not something evil. Why can good responsibilities still become spiritually dangerous when they pull the heart away from Jesus? [\[06:56\]](#)
2. Jesus does not shame Martha or simply solve the dinner problem. What does his gentle answer show about the kind of care he gives to anxious and upset people? [\[16:21\]](#)
3. Jesus says Mary chose "what is better" and that it "will not be taken away from her." What makes time at Jesus' feet better than even necessary and meaningful work? [\[19:28\]](#)
4. Mary is found at Jesus' feet in both Luke 10 and John 11. What might that repeated posture suggest about how ordinary time with Jesus shapes a person for seasons of grief and crisis? [\[27:33\]](#)

Application questions

1. What are the “good things” in life right now that may be pulling the heart in every direction? Which responsibilities feel most likely to crowd out simple attention to Jesus? [\[07:08\]](#)
2. It is possible to serve Jesus without really being with Jesus. Where might that be happening right now—in church life, at home, or even in personal spiritual habits? [\[12:15\]](#)
3. Jesus speaks to worry and inner uproar, not just unfinished tasks. When life feels loud, what usually reveals that the heart is becoming frantic—irritation, resentment, numbness, constant phone-checking, or something else? [\[17:14\]](#)
4. Jesus is not asking people to earn a portion from him but to receive from him. What makes receiving hard right now? Is it hurry, guilt, distraction, the need to feel useful, or something else? [\[19:49\]](#)
5. Desire for Jesus grows by being with him, not by forcing feelings. What would ten minutes with no agenda actually look like this week? What would need to be set aside so that time could be real? [\[24:40\]](#)
6. Mary knew where to go in grief because she had already learned that place in ordinary days. When pressure or sadness hits, where does the heart usually run first, and what might help it learn to go to Jesus more quickly? [\[28:42\]](#)
7. The pile of responsibilities may not disappear, but Jesus is present in the middle of it. What would it look like this week to remember that Jesus is in the pile and not just waiting on the other side of a finished to-do list? [\[23:24\]](#)