



The Story Houston – 8|25|19 – Sermon Study Guide – Pt. 4: *Reversing the Martha Mentality*

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Welcome to The Story...

and to our August sermon series called ***Knowing Her Place***. All month long, we're exploring every detail of several personal encounters Jesus had with women from all walks of life. You might be surprised to learn how Jesus understood the role of women in his life and ministry, and what that might mean for us today.

Before We Begin...

Our culture praises “I-don’t-know-how-she-does-it” women and “I-don’t-know-how-he-does-it” men because they are efficient and productive. But have you ever felt like efficiency and extreme busyness are symptoms of a sickness?

The Time Jesus Dropped in with 72 of His Closest Friends

Today’s scripture tells about the time Jesus paid Martha and Mary an unannounced visit.

Luke 10:38-42 ³⁸ As Jesus and his disciples were on their way, he came to a village where a woman named Martha opened her home to him. ³⁹ She had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord’s feet listening to what he said. ⁴⁰ But Martha was distracted by all the preparations that had to be made. She came to him and asked, “Lord, don’t you care that my sister has left me to do the work by myself? Tell her to help me!” “Martha, Martha,” the Lord answered, “you are worried and upset about many things, ⁴² but few things are needed—or indeed only one.^[a] Mary has chosen what is better, and it will not be taken away from her.”

What do the gospels say about Jesus’ relationship to Mary, Martha, and Lazarus?

What else can we assume about Martha from what the gospels say about her? Where did she live? What was her family situation?

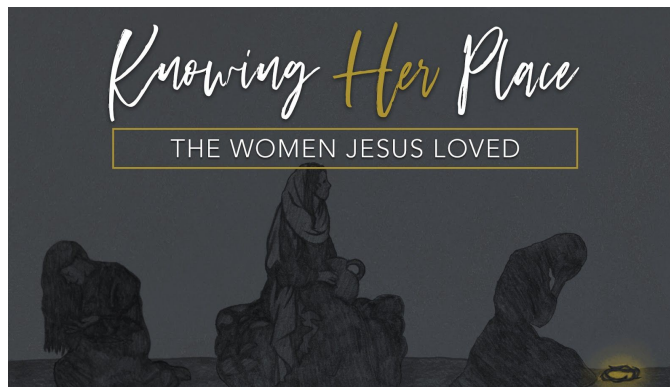
About how many people were traveling with Jesus? How do we know this?

The Hostess with the Mostest

Why was it Martha’s responsibility to be hospitable to all those people?

What was Martha so upset about in verse 40? Didn’t she kinda have a point? Why or why not?

With his response in verses 40-41, was Jesus calling Martha out, or was he being gracious? Or both?



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The Martha Mentality

What is *The Martha Mentality*, and how does it threaten all of our relationships?

Instead of _____ Jesus, Martha _____ her sister.
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Instead of thinking about how _____ Jesus is, she obsessed over how ____ her sister is.

How might it change your closest relationships if instead of holding them accountable to your expectations, you held yourself accountable to Christ?

The Redemption of Martha

17 On his arrival, Jesus found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days. 18 Now Bethany was less than two miles from Jerusalem, 19 and many Jews had come to Martha and Mary to comfort them in the loss of their brother. 20 When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went out to meet him, but Mary stayed at home.

21 “Lord,” Martha said to Jesus, “if you had been here, my brother would not have died. 22 But I know that even now God will give you whatever you ask.” 23 Jesus said to her, “Your brother will rise again.”

24 Martha answered, “I know he will rise again in the resurrection at the last day.”

25 Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; 26 and whoever lives by believing in me will never die. Do you believe this?”

27 “Yes, Lord,” she replied, “I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, who is to come into the world.” 28 After she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary aside. “The Teacher is here,” she said, “and is asking for you.” 29 When Mary heard this, she got up quickly and went to him.

How was this encounter with Jesus a reversal of Luke 10:38-42?

How can you reorder and reprioritize your life to hold yourself accountable to Christ *before* holding others accountable to yourself?

Your Notes: