

## Martha's Faith

**John 11:20** When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him [outside the village – GC], but Mary remained seated in the house. [Interesting change-up from Luke 10, when she had been distracted by much serving. Now Martha's faith shines!]

**21** Martha said to Jesus, "**Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.**"

**22** **But even now I know that whatever you ask from God, God will give you.**"

She didn't understand Jesus' delay in coming, but **she knew Jesus has power to heal.**

**John 11:23** Jesus said to her, "**Your brother will rise again.**"

<sup>24</sup> Martha said to him, "**I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.**"

Martha didn't fully understand Jesus' intentions and was tempted to blame Jesus, just as people are tempted to blame God any time something bad happens, especially when loved ones die. But she maintained her trust in Jesus and His relationship with God because **she knew Jesus has power to raise [everyone] on the last day.**

**John 5:28** an hour is coming when all who are in the tombs will hear his voice <sup>29</sup> and come out, those who have done good to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil to the resurrection of judgment.

In fact, He will raise them and judge them all!

**Acts 10:42** He is the one appointed by God to be judge of the living and the dead.

**2 Corinthians 5:10** we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive what is due for what he has done in the body, whether good or evil.

**John 11:25** Jesus said to her, "**I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die [physically – GC], yet shall he live [immortally – GC], <sup>26</sup> and everyone who lives [physically – GC] and believes in me shall never die [spiritually – GC]. Do you believe this?"**

**John 11:27** She said to him, "Yes, Lord; **I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who is coming into the world.**"

She did not seem to fully understand Lazarus' condition, that he was still alive, spiritually. She still didn't fully understand Jesus' power, even cautioning Jesus when He wanted the tombstone taken away. See verse 39.

But she knew who Jesus is, and so would stay with him, regardless.

Are you struggling with your priorities? ... with your commitment?

**Martha knew who could help her.**

Are you struggling with your understanding? ... with your faith? **Martha may have been distracted at times, but she did not waver from her faith in Jesus.**

You can read the book of John and know who Jesus is.

Jesus can heal you.

Jesus will raise you.

Jesus will judge you.

You can believe that He is the Christ, the Son of God, and by believing, have LIFE in His name. (John 20:29-30)