



Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me though he may die, he shall live. And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die. Do you believe this?" She said to Him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that You are the Christ, the Son of God, who is to come into the world." - John 11:25-27 NKJV

Martha's Story

The hope of resurrection

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- Martha was the sister of Mary and Lazarus; all of whom lived in a village in Judea called Bethany, less than two miles from Jerusalem. (John 11:18)
- Jesus was good friends with Lazarus, Mary, and Martha. The Word of God shares how He loved them. (John 11:5)
- Martha was a caring, sacrificial woman. She was the one who welcomed Jesus into her home when He came to Bethany.
- While Jesus was at her home, Martha felt let down by her sister Mary, because Mary did not help her to serve the guests at the time; but instead was sitting at Jesus's feet listening to Him.
- Martha also shared with the Lord directly, regarding her disapproval for the lack of help from her sister. However, Jesus understood the reason why Mary was with Him, as He saw into her heart and intentions; so He validated her before Martha.
- There is an account when Lazarus fell ill, and Martha and Mary sent word to the Lord about this matter. Jesus knew that God would be glorified through this situation. So, He prepared Himself to go to them two days later, after hearing the news. However, by the time Jesus was near to Bethany, Lazarus had been dead for four days.

You can read more about Martha's story in the Bible; in Luke 10:38-42, John 11 and John 12

God's Hand in Martha's Life

- Even though her brother had been dead for four days, when Martha heard that Jesus was coming near to their village she went out to meet him; and said, if You were here he would not have died; because she knew that Jesus was the True Miracle Worker. She profoundly told the

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God is a good Father. So, you are loved by Him! Jesus wants to be your Saviour. He also wants to be your Healer.

God can forgive, restore, and help you. So, if you make Jesus the Lord of your life, good things will come from your hurt and pain.

Say this prayer for your Salvation:

Father, I come to You in the Name of Jesus. Please forgive me for my sins, as I believe Jesus died for me on the cross.

Father, thank You for raising up Jesus from the dead.

Jesus, I ask You to come into my heart, and to be the Lord of my life today. In the Name of Jesus, I pray, Amen.

(For reference read Romans 10:9 & 10)

A prayer for your healing:

Father God, I come to You in the Name of Jesus. I need Your healing hand in my life. Holy Spirit, you know my story. Please come and touch me today. I receive Your healing to restore my soul.

In the Name of Jesus Christ. Thank You. Amen.

- Lord that even though Lazarus had passed away, whatever He asked God it would be given unto Him.
- She firmly believed and knew that Jesus was the Son of God, because she said: "thou art the Christ, the Son of God" (John 11:27).
- When Jesus asked her to remove the large stone covering the grave, Martha had a test of her faith; in that she knew her brother was dead, and that his body really stank by then.
- The Lord reminded her to have faith and believe. God's ways are not our ways and we need to be aware that there may be times when He asks us to do something in faith, or even in obedience; and it may go against all common sense or logic. Once they removed the stone, Jesus prayed and thanked God; and Lazarus came walking forward bound in grave clothes.
- Martha truly had a genuine heart of service. We can see this through another occasion: when Jesus was at Simon the leper's house; Martha was one of those serving again (John 12:2).
- Even though her intentions were good, Martha may have missed key moments of quality time with the Lord due to her focus on serving.
- As God's children, this is an important warning for us to remain sensitive to the leading and guidance of the Holy Spirit. We need to ask God to help us to recognise those moments when we need to take time to wait or to sit quietly with Him; and when to be busy doing things for Him.
- Jesus also had a very special friendship with Martha, Mary, and Lazarus. This encourages us as believers to honour Jesus as our Lord. However, it also encourages us to work on and build our friendship with Him, into a deeper level.