

## Bible Character series of readings – week 21

### 20<sup>th</sup> March – Mary & Martha

**Monday: Luke 10:38-42. Priorities:** Martha discovered it is more important to spend time with Jesus than just serving him. Are you so busy doing things for Jesus that you're not giving him your focus and attention?

**Tuesday: John 11:1-15. Delayed answers:** Verse 5 clearly shows that when answers to our requests are delayed it does not imply that God loves us any less. Like Martha and Mary (v2) do you find it easier to see God's love for others rather than for you?

**Wednesday: John 11:17-33. At the feet of Jesus:** This is the second time that Mary is found at the feet of Jesus. In Luke 10 she is listening to Jesus' teaching. Here she is at his feet in prayer and for comfort. Are you as quick to fall at his feet in surrender and prayer?

**Thursday: John 11:34-44. When common sense is inadequate:** Martha is the voice of reason and is logically practical, but to see the supernatural requires a faith that is willing to do what is illogical simply because it is what Jesus asks of us.

**Friday: Mark 14:1-9. Doing what we can:** This incident involving Mary at the feet of Jesus in extravagant worship is found in 3 of the gospels. But take note of v8: "She did what she could." That is all God ever expects. What can you do out of love for him today?