

## Message Notes

### How to welcome Jesus

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**STONEBRIDGE  
CHURCH OF GOD**

**HONK IF YOU LOVE  
JESUS TEXT  
WHILE DRIVING IF YOU  
WANT TO MEET HIM**

SUN. SCHOOL  
10:00 AM

SUN. WORSHIP  
11:00 AM & 6:00 PM

WED.  
7:00 PM

*Pastor Floyd Ingram*

*Clays Mill Road*  
**BAPTIST  
CHURCH**  
Dr. Jeffery J. Fugate, Pastor

**WHOEVER STOLE  
OUR AC UNITS KEEP  
ONE IT IS HOT  
WHERE YOU'RE GOING**

**WELCOME**  
**FIRST**  
**BAPTIST CHURCH**  
LONE GROVE OKLA.  
PASTOR M. ASHWORTH 657-4713

SUN. SCHOOL 9:30 MORNING WORSHIP 10:45  
CHURCH TRAINING 6:00 EVE. WORSHIP 7:00  
WEDNESDAY 6:00

**IF GOD HAD A**  
**REFRIGERATOR**  
**YOUR PICTURE WOULD**  
**BE ON IT**

*Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church*

SUN. SCHOOL 10:00 AM    WORSHIP SERVICE 11:00 AM    WED. SERVICE 7:00 PM    Rev. Farrell Blanks

**DO YOU KNOW  
WHAT HELL IS?  
COME HEAR OUR PREACHER**

**Christian Church**

*AT PANAMA CITY*



**GOD SHOWS NO FAVORITISM  
BUT OUR SIGN GUY DOES -  
GO CUBS!**

## **Luke 9:51**

When the days drew near for him to be taken up,  
he set his face to go to Jerusalem.

The Gospel of  
**LUKE**

Setting His Face to Jerusalem  
Luke 9:51 to Luke 19:44

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## Luke 6:46-49

<sup>46</sup>“Why do you call me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ and do not do what I say? <sup>47</sup>I will show you what he is like who comes to me and hears my words and puts them into practice. <sup>48</sup>He is like a man building a house, who dug down deep and laid the foundation on rock. When a flood came, the torrent struck that house but could not shake it, because it was well built. <sup>49</sup>But the one who hears my words and does not put them into practice is like a man who built a house on the ground without a foundation. The moment the torrent struck that house, it collapsed and its destruction was complete.”

## Luke 10:16

<sup>16</sup>“Whoever listens to you listens to me;  
whoever rejects you rejects me;  
but whoever rejects me rejects him who sent me.”

## Luke 10:25-29

<sup>25</sup>On one occasion an expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. “Teacher,” he asked, “what must I do to inherit eternal life?”

<sup>26</sup>“What is written in the Law?” he replied.

“How do you read it?”

<sup>27</sup>He answered, “ ‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind’; and, ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’”

<sup>28</sup>“You have answered correctly,” Jesus replied.

“Do this and you will live.”

<sup>29</sup>But he wanted to justify himself, so he asked Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?...”

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# The hospitality of Martha

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# How Jesus felt about this family...

## John 11:1-5

<sup>1</sup>Now a man named Lazarus was sick. He was from Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. <sup>2</sup>(This Mary, whose brother Lazarus now lay sick, was the same one who poured perfume on the Lord and wiped his feet with her hair.) <sup>3</sup>So the sisters sent word to Jesus, "Lord, the one you love is sick."

<sup>4</sup>When he heard this, Jesus said, "This sickness will not end in death. No, it is for God's glory so that God's Son may be glorified through it." <sup>5</sup>Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus.





# The Guts of Mary

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The fact that a woman can be portrayed in such a positive light, as one worthy to sit at the Master's feet, is also significant in a first-century culture where women were often deemed unworthy of receiving instruction. Grace knows no boundaries of gender.



The openness of the Lord to cross gender and social barriers is instructive for us, for often such barriers become obstacles to potential ministry.

~ Darrell L. Bock, *Luke*, The NIV Application Commentary (Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan Publishing House, 1996), 305.

# Martha's Anger toward Mary AND Jesus!

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## Luke 4:38-39

<sup>38</sup>Jesus left the synagogue and went to the home of Simon. Now Simon's mother-in-law was suffering from a high fever, and they asked Jesus to help her.

<sup>39</sup>So he bent over her and rebuked the fever, and it left her. She got up at once and began to wait on them.

# Jesus Sets Martha's Priorities Straight

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# Wild Interpretations out there on *Martha and Mary*

In other news, Cheetos and Goldfish sales have skyrocketed in Washington and Colorado.



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We list some superficial interpretations: Mary prepared just one dish for the meal, and Jesus says that is enough... again, Mary picked out for herself the best-tasting dish of all those brought by Martha, or took out the largest portion for herself. These interpretations seem impossible, but they have been offered.



Martha and Mary have often been allegorized or treated as types:

Martha is typical of the Jewish zeal for the law, Mary of the Pauline [faith]; Martha, the Roman Catholic Church, Mary, the Evangelical Lutheran Church; Martha, the active life, Mary, the contemplative; Martha, the energetic character, Mary, the deep, quiet, serene nature. In a good many of these comparisons Mary

herself comes short of the true ideal by lacking somewhat in the energy and the business activity of Martha, the true ideal being conceived as a combination of the two sisters.



~ R. C. H. Lenski (1864-1936), *The Interpretation of St. Luke's Gospel* (Minneapolis, MN: Augsburg Publishing House, 1961), 618-619.

To read this episode as a commendation of contemplative life over against active life is to allegorize it beyond recognition and to introduce a distinction that was born only of later preoccupations. The episode is addressed to the Christian who is expected to be *contemplativus(a) in actione*.

~ Joseph A. Fitzmyer, *The Gospel according to Luke I-IX: Introduction, Translation, and Notes*, vol. 28, Anchor Yale Bible (New Haven; London: Yale University Press, 2008), 892-893.



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**Distracted**



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- ① to be pulled away from a reference point, *be pulled/ dragged away*
- ② to have one's attention directed from one thing to another, *become or be distracted, quite busy, overburdened*

As Mary was soaking up the Word, her big sister was getting frustrated: “But Martha was distracted by all the preparations that had to be made” (v. 40a.). The sense of “distracted” here is “to be pulled away” or “dragged away.” The implication is that Martha desperately wanted to hear Jesus herself, to be at his feet, but she was pulled away by her duties. Flitting about with her busy preparations, she inevitably caught bits and snatches of Jesus’ words, and she was drawn to hear more. But the burden of the beautiful meal kept dragging her back into the kitchen. How she wanted to be at Jesus’ feet! But she told herself that true devotion is practical and that she must put her duty before her desires.



So this good woman, one of Jesus' most devoted and perceptive disciples (as we shall see), this excellent woman *smoldered*. She was angry at Mary for being so selfish, and she was also mad at Jesus for allowing it to go on. She focused "if looks could kill" glares upon Mary and let out some pained sighs as she fussed over the table and loudly banged pots in the kitchen. She was a Type A, and she knew it. She was verbal. She was blunt.

So "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!' " (v. 40b).



Today she'd say: "Lord, my sister's a flake, and you're part of the problem too. Tell her to get her sweet self in here!" In her self-righteous ire she reproached not only her sister, but the One for whom she was so lovingly preparing a meal – the Master, God's Son.



~ R. Kent Hughes, *Luke: That You May Know the Truth*, Preaching the Word, 81.

**Worried**



Church Of  
The Cross

DONT LET WORRIES  
KILL YOU  
LET THE CHURCH  
HELP

United Methodist Church

# Worried

① to be apprehensive, *have anxiety, be anxious, be (unduly) concerned*

~ William Arndt, Frederick W. Danker, and Walter Bauer, *A Greek-English Lexicon of the New Testament and Other Early Christian Literature* (Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 2000), 632.

## Luke 8:11-15

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① ***be troubled/distracted***

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

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<sup>21</sup>“Lord,” Martha said to Jesus, “if you had been here, my brother would not have died. <sup>22</sup>But I know that even now God will give you whatever you ask.”

<sup>23</sup>Jesus said to her, “Your brother will rise again.”

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

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<sup>27</sup>“Yes, Lord,” she replied, “I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, who is to come into the world.”

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