

Encountering Jesus
Week 4: Martha and Mary (Luke 10:38-42)

1. What is Martha's complaint? What is her accusation against Jesus? Have you ever had similar thoughts about others and about Jesus?
2. What is Jesus' critique of Martha? What is his specific praise of Mary? What is the core difference between the two sisters?
3. Mary is able to see something more about Jesus than her sister and others can. Read **Colossians 1:11-14** and **Revelation 21:3-4**. What do these passages reveal about both our present reality and our future hope with Jesus? Do you find these promises more clear or confusing? Real or just wishful thinking?
4. Which of these "warning signs" apply to you?
 - Your joy is dependent upon results and recognition.
 - You've reduced your experience "with God" to something on your "to do" list
 - You believe that your time with God in prayer, Bible study, and community with others is an inefficient allocation of resources.
 - You are too busy to eat right, exercise, and get the sleep that you need.
 - You often feel underappreciated.
 - You secretly resent the success of others.
 - You resent those who don't work as hard as you do.
 - Your prayers are more reactive to personal circumstances than proactive for God's Kingdom to grow.
 - You rarely think about eternity and wonder if heaven will be boring.
 - You have a habit of binge watching or listening to shows, podcasts, and sports.
 - You have difficulty putting your phone away—even at night. The first thing you do in the morning and the last thing you do at night is check your phone.
 - You have a bad habit that you know you need to stop, but you can't.

How have these habits and attitudes affected your relationship with Jesus?
What do these indicators reveal about your perspective and your priorities?

5. Reflect on what you believe about Jesus, experience with Jesus, and share about Jesus. How does Martha and Mary's encounter with Jesus both encourage and challenge you today?