

DOUBTERS WELCOME



FRUSTRATION
Tired
PAIN
SUFFERING
GRIEF
STOP
MISS
Sorrow
Depression



INNER CONFLICT

Our doubter today is Martha

Jesus and her family had what seemed to be a special relationship

They were absolutely 100% believers in Jesus

Her brother has died

The call had gone out to Jesus to come and heal

Jesus did not show up in time, in fact he is 4 days late for the funeral



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INNER CONFLICT

The inner conflict is building,
yes, I believe in Jesus,
but does Jesus really care



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Martha

CONFLICTED

DOUBTHER

(Luke 10:38-42)



WHO IS SHE?

Martha had a servant's heart

She also had a distracted heart

She gets frustrated (v. 39)

She had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet listening to what he said. But Martha was distracted by all the preparations that had to be made. 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!"



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THE REAL ISSUE

Jesus points out her real issue:

“you are worried and upset about many things, but few things are needed”

“Marthas” are amazing people

Churches don't run without “Marthas”

The Martha mentality sets up to worry



DOUBT

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HER MOMENT OF DOUBT

Now a man named Lazarus was sick. He was from Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. (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.) So, the sisters sent word to Jesus, “Lord, the one you love is sick.”

John 11:1-3

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A person is sitting on the floor next to a large, glowing question mark. The person is looking up at the question mark. The background is dark and textured.

HER MOMENT OF DOUBT

Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus. So, when he heard that Lazarus was sick, he stayed where he was two more days, and then he said to his disciples, “Let us go back to Judea.”

John 11:5-7



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HER MOMENT OF DOUBT

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

John 11:5-7



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HER MOMENT OF DOUBT

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

“LORD”

v. 21

She is trying desperately to hold onto hope

Whose fault is it
her brother is dead?

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HER MOMENT OF DOUBT

Jesus said to her, “Your brother will rise again.”
Martha answered, “I know he will rise again in the
resurrection at the last day.”

v. 23-24

She Believes in Bodily Resurrection

She Believes in Eternal Life

She Believes in Jesus for her future



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HER MOMENT OF DOUBT

Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; and whoever lives by believing in me will never die. Do you believe this?” “Yes, Lord,” she replied, “I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, who is to come into the world.”

"LORD"

v. 25-27

She Believes he is the Messiah

She Believes he is the Son of God

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INNER CONFLICT

On one side Martha has placed her hope in Jesus but on the other she is dealing with life issues

DOUBT



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HER MOMENT OF DOUBT

Jesus, once more deeply moved, came to the tomb. It was a cave with a stone laid across the entrance. "Take away the stone," he said. "But, Lord," said Martha, the sister of the dead man, "by this time there is a bad odor, for he has been there four days."

v. 38-39

"BUT LORD"

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HER MOMENT OF DOUBT

Jesus, I get it for some reason my brother was not worth your time healing

I know you are a busy man but if you needed to grieve, the funeral was 4 days ago, and you did not show up.

You open that tomb and it's going to stink

You are asking me to relive this all again?

Jesus that does not make sense he is dead!

"BUT LORD"

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DEALING WITH HER DOUBT

“Did I not tell you that if you believe, you will see the glory of God?”

v. 40

I honestly believe it's at this moment Martha looked at Jesus and she understood what Jesus was about to do

Deep inside I believe this is what she wanted to happen but was scared to ask.

At that moment she has a choice to make trust Jesus and do as he said, or give into her doubt and say no

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A small image of a person sitting on the floor next to a large question mark. The person is looking up at the question mark, which is illuminated from behind, creating a bright glow. The background is dark and textured.

INNER CONFLICT

**Her moment of doubt is a reminder
that sometimes God's plan is bigger
than I understand**

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."

John 11:4

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HER CONTRIBUTION

Six days before the Passover, Jesus came to Bethany, where Lazarus lived, whom Jesus had raised from the dead. Here a dinner was given in Jesus' honor. Martha served, while Lazarus was among those reclining at the table with him.

John 12:1-2



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**In our darkest moments we
must look to the light**

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