


## MOUNT ZION BAPTIST CHURCH SUNDAY SCHOOL BULLETIN NO 8

We have not been able to have visitors for a few weeks now. How will you feel when your grandparents or friends can come round to your house again? Would you spend lots of time with them, or would you go to your room and not talk to them?

This week we are going to think about a lady who had the Lord Jesus as a guest to her house. How did she treat Him?

**Read Luke 10 v 38 to 42.**

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1. How pleased was Martha to see Jesus? (v 38) .....
  2. What did her sister Mary do? (v 39) .....
  3. What was Martha doing? (v 40) .....

You can imagine how Martha felt. She wanted to make sure everything was just right for Jesus. Hospitality was very important in her culture. She was busy in the kitchen making lots of lovely food. But all was not well.


4. How did Martha feel about Mary listening to Jesus? (v 40) .....
5. What did she want Jesus to tell Mary? (v 40) .....

Read verses 41 and 42 again to see how Jesus replied to Martha.

6. What did Jesus say about the choice Mary had made? (v 42) .....


*Let's think about this.*

8. How do you think your guests would feel if you spent all your time in the kitchen or your bedroom when they came to visit you? .....



*Are you behaving like this to the Lord Jesus in your life? Do you spend all your time on things which do not have any relevance to your eternal life? Have you any time to listen to what Jesus is saying to you? Maybe you could think about how much time you spend on your computer or phone, and then compare that with how much time to spend reading your Bible or praying to God.*

### **What was Jesus talking to Mary about?**



Mary was obviously listening carefully to Jesus. He was talking about things which mattered very much. He would have talked to her about:

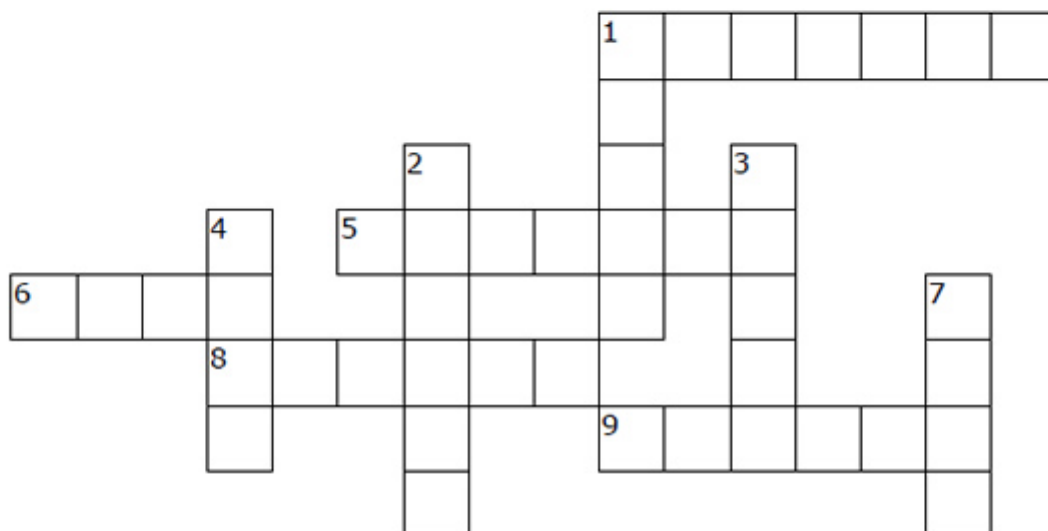
- Her sin. We are all born with a sinful heart which turns away from God.
- Her need. Mary needed to be put right with God. We all need a new heart which loves God.
- What He had come to earth to do. Jesus came to bear the punishment for sin for all who come with faith and repentance. This meant dying on the cross, and then rising again.



This is what the Bible is all about. These things are still the most important ones we can think about. What do you need to do? Ask the Lord to give you faith (believe what He says in the Bible), and repentance (true sorrow for your sins against Him). God says that those who come like that, trusting in Jesus, will be forgiven and receive a new heart.

# The Most Important Thing

The Lord Jesus said that only one thing is important. Martha was worried about things that only last for time. Mary knew that listening to what the Lord had to say was more important. The most important thing is to be right with God.



## ACROSS

1. To be concerned about something; to be troubled
5. A very small town
6. The place where a family lives
8. To pay attention to what someone says
9. A spoken or written reply to a question

## DOWN

1. An adult female human
2. A female having the same parents as another person
3. The son of God
4. To give assistance to someone
7. Activity, such as a job, which a person performs; labor

WORK  
HELP

WORRIED  
HOME

ANSWER  
JESUS

VILLAGE  
SISTER

WOMAN  
LISTEN

## A verse to memorise:

If we confess our sins,  
**He is faithful and just**  
 to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all  
 unrighteousness. 1 John 1 v 9

A picture to colour for younger ones



Read Luke 10 v 38-42

Jesus came to visit Martha and Mary. They were pleased to see Him. Mary sat and listened to Jesus. But Martha was so busy she did not listen to what Jesus was saying.

Jesus told Martha that Mary was right. We must listen to what Jesus is saying. He tells us we have a sinful heart. He tells us He came to earth to take away our sin if we trust in Him. Jesus gave His life to save people like you and me.

Do you trust in Jesus?