

Lessons From People Who Followed Jesus

This week – continuing our series of lessons which teach us how to savingly follow Jesus Christ.

“Favour (charm) is deceitful, and beauty is vain: but a woman that feareth the LORD, she shall be praised”. Proverbs 31 v30

Bible Readings for this week:

(Choose a regular time each day to read the Bible and pray whether it be when you first wake up or just before you go to sleep)

Day	Bible Reading	Tick When Read
Sunday	Luke 10v38-42 (Mary Sat at Jesus’ Feet)	
Monday	Luke 11v1-13 (A Pattern Prayer, Teaching us how to Pray)	
Tuesday	Luke 9v23-36 (‘This is My Beloved Son, Hear Him’)	
Wednesday	1 Kings 10v1-13 (The Queen hears Solomon’s Wisdom)	
Thursday	Ecclesiastes 12v1-14 (The Duty of Man –To Fear God)	
Friday	Proverbs 31v10-31 (Covet (hold to), the Best Attitude)	
Saturday	Psalms 111v1-10 (God, The Beginning of Wisdom)	

Important Question for us Today: ‘What is the greatest wisdom? In God’s immense creation there is an infinite amount of wonderful information that we can begin to study to gain an understanding of things. We should be wary of man’s theories as these are always wrong when God is left out of our thinking. Solomon, the wisest man who ever lived (after Jesus Christ), was brought to the conclusion by almighty God, Who had given him his wisdom, that *‘all is vanity’, Ecclesiastes 1v2*. That is, all except the knowledge of God. By knowledge of His Commandments, we know what sin is; by knowledge of The Gospel (Christ’s substitutionary death on the Cross), we know how we can be forgiven and saved from our sin. **Believing these truths will set us free from the Judgement of God.**

Solomon preached, *‘Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man. For God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good, or whether it be evil’.* Ecclesiastes 12v13,14.

Paul wrote, *‘For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.* 2 Corinthians 4v6.

Hymn 591 - reminding us that we can have sweet communion with The Lord Jesus Christ.

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| 1. O Love divine, how sweet Thou art!
When shall I find my willing heart
All taken up by Thee?
I thirst, I faint, I die to prove
The greatness of redeeming love,
The love of Christ to me. | 4. O, that I could ever sit,
Like Mary at the Saviour’s feet;
Be this my happy choice:
My only care, delight, and bliss,
My joy, my Heaven on earth be this,
To hear the Bridegroom’s voice. |
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EDT Bible/College Class Take Home Sheet.

This sheet is given to remind you of the lesson and to encourage you to read your Bible.

A Housekeeper.

- **Sisters, Mary and Martha - Two Housekeepers in Bethany.**
 - **Martha busied herself about the house**, doing chores, preparing the meal.
 - **Mary sat at the Lord’s feet** - desiring answers to her spiritual questions.
- **The Lord Jesus Never Overlooks The Ordinary Individual.**
 - He is a Personal Saviour – Amazingly, although He preached to very large crowds, each person - man, woman, boy or girl, is an individual to Him.
 - He spent time with Mary, Martha, and Lazarus in their home at Bethany.
- **Martha Missed A Great Opportunity.**
 - **Little things were more important to her.** Chores had to be done. Too busy.
 - She became irritable, and jealous - resentful of her sister’s ‘selfish’ attitude.
 - She grumbled – ‘Lord, it is not fair, I am doing all the work, tell Mary to help’.
 - Graciously, **Jesus said, “Martha, Martha, thou art careful and troubled about many things. But one thing is needful: and Mary hath chosen that good part, which shall not be taken away from her”.** Luke 10v41-42.
- **Mary Chose The Most Important Thing – To Listen To The Lord.**
 - **The Subject Excited Her – Conversion - Receiving Peace with God for Her Soul.**
 - Being saved, her sins forgiven, ‘walking’ with the Lord, eternity, Heaven.
 - **The Speaker Awed Her – Jesus Christ, Immanuel - God With Us.**
 - **She had to listen.** He spoke with authority – bringing The Scriptures alive.
 - **The Lord’s Information Was Vital and New – She Listened Carefully.**
 - Words of Wisdom and Truth, The Lord had all the answers to her questions.
 - **The Conversation Changed Her Life – She Received An Eternal Blessing.**
 - She heard and obeyed in repentance and faith, to the salvation of her soul.
 - The Lord commended her for making the choice to sit and listen to Him.
- **What about us? How well do we listen to the lesson or sermon?**
 - **Are we too busy to hear?** We may even be in Church but not really listening, our minds thinking of anything but the Lord and His truth.
 - **Have we got our priorities wrong?** Too busy, more important things to do. Surely, nothing is more important than the salvation of our eternal soul.
 - **To snub God**, by ignoring Him, is a worse sin than lying, stealing, or hating.
 - **Listen instead, just as Mary did** - In awe and wonder of how the Lord is graciously calling us to repent and believe in Him and know His forgiveness.

Pray for the Holy Spirit to teach you the words of life which will set you free.

Then said Jesus unto the twelve, *“Will ye also go away?”* Then Simon Peter answered him, *“Lord, to whom shall we go? Thou hast the words of eternal life. And we believe and are sure that Thou art that Christ, the Son of the living God”.* John 6v67-69.