

# THE TELLING

THE ANCIENT STORY  STILL BEING TOLD

## MARY

### day one:

read **Luke 10:38-42**

Do you consider yourself to be like Martha or Mary? What is your natural tendency when you have a guest in your home? Do you find yourself so busy that you have no time to sit and talk with them? Have you ever been a guest in a friend's home and you found them too busy trying to serve you that they didn't take the time to just sit and talk with you? Maybe you have the tendency to get too anxious to just sit quietly. Whatever the circumstances, take some time to reflect on what Jesus says in this passage. Pray and ask the Holy Spirit to reveal to you why you have the tendencies to react the way you do. What would it take to quietly sit at the feet of Jesus?

### day two:

read **John 11:28-31**

Have there been times in your life when your heart was so broken that all you could do was weep? What did you do? Who did you turn to? Where did you go? Were you surrounded by people or did you feel alone? Notice in this passage that even though Mary was surrounded by people, when she heard Jesus was close, she got up quickly to meet Him. How quickly do you turn to Jesus?

### day three:

read **John 11:32-33**

In this passage, Jesus was deeply moved by Mary's sorrow. Have there been times in your life when you were not sure if Jesus really cared about your situation? Do you try to hide how you really feel or are you honest and blunt? Take time to recognize how you really feel about a situation and take a moment to spend time sitting in quiet and in prayer.

### day four:

read **John 12:1-3**

In this passage, Martha was once again serving and Lazarus was reclining at the table. Mary once again chose to do something that was not regarded as wise by some of the others sitting around the table. She chose to be close to Jesus. Mary anointed Jesus' feet as a way of expressing her love for Him. Why do you think this was significant? What are some ways that you express yourself in worship?

### day five:

read **John 12:4-8**

Mary used an expensive oil to anoint Jesus' feet. It was worth about a year's wage. To some this was considered a huge waste. Why was Jesus' reaction to Judas so important? Do you think Mary had any idea how significantly her actions illustrated the beauty of worship? Mary had the advantage of having Jesus in human form in front of her. We can sense His presence in our life through the Holy Spirit. Think about your story and what Jesus has done, is doing, and will do in your life. Take some time to worship Him and thank Him for those things.