

Confidence

But Martha was distracted with much serving. And she went up to him and said, “Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Tell her then to help me.” But the Lord answered her, “Martha, Martha, you are anxious and troubled about many things...

Luke 11:40-41

Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus.

John 11:5

Attempts on Jesus’ life --John 8:39 & 10:22

Goes into hiding (wilderness) --John 10:40

Lazarus dies --John 11

Jesus’ returns to Judea

Disciples resist “the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and you’re going there again?” --John 11:8

“let’s go die with him...” --John 11:16

Conviction & Insight

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

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John 11:21-22, 27

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John 11:27

Simon Peter replied, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.”

Matthew 16:16

Raised Lazarus

Some believed, some reported to the authorities John 11:45-46

From that day on they made plans to put him to death John 11:53

End of public ministry "...no longer walked openly among the Jews" John 11: 54

Hide out in Ephraim (edge of the wilderness) John 11:54

Orders to report sightings of Jesus John 11:57

Plans to kill Lazarus as well John 12:20

Courage

Six days before the Passover, Jesus therefore came to Bethany, where Lazarus was, whom Jesus had raised from the dead. So they gave a dinner for him there. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those reclining with him at table.

John 12:1-2

When the large crowd of the Jews learned that Jesus was there, they came, not only on account of him but also to see Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. So the chief priests made plans to put Lazarus to death as well, because on account of him many of the Jews were going away and believing in Jesus.

John 12: 9-11

Confidence –in the love and commitment of Jesus

His faithfulness, not her performance

Conviction – knowing and speaking what was true

Courage –serving and honoring Jesus despite the possible consequences