

Luke Chapter 10

- Jesus has left the Galilee area for the last time; He's headed towards Jerusalem and the cross.
 - Jesus is traveling with a large number of people; He's traveling through Samaria – some of whom wouldn't receive Him because He was headed towards Jerusalem.
 - Chapter's 10-18 present a lot of information that is only contained in Luke's gospel. He'll go down, Southward & up to Jerusalem. Then He'll leave Jerusalem and spending considerable time in Perea which is on the other side of the Jordan River.
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V: 1 Jesus commissions / appoints another 70 men to go out and minister to the people in very much the same way as He sent out the Apostles previously.

- They weren't self appointed, they were chosen and commissioned by our Lord.

1 Timothy 1:12 “And I thank Christ Jesus our Lord who has enabled me, because He counted me faithful, putting me into the ministry.”

- 70 is a significant number in Jewish history. Moses called 70 elders to help him minister to the people. This later developed into the “Sanhedrin” or ruling council over Israel.
- Septuagint version of the Bible: Basically a Greek translation of the Hebrew scriptures completed by 70 Jewish scholars, Septuagint is 70 in Greek.
- Jesus sent them out in pairs, 2 to establish a witness. **Deuteronomy 19:15**
- He sent them out into every city and place that He Himself would go to.
- Jesus will spend the next 6 months ministering in Perea, or across the Jordan (East bank) to the Gentiles, this is different that when the 12 were sent out.

Matthew 10:5-6 “⁵These twelve Jesus sent out and commanded them, saying: Do not go into the way of the Gentiles, and do not enter a city of the Samaritans. ⁶But go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.”

Romans 1:16 “For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.”

- Jesus sent them out ahead of Himself, they were going to prepare the way for Him, playing the same role as John the Baptist, with the same basic message – the kingdom of Heaven is at hand, but now to the Gentiles.

- Herod arrested John the Baptist, seemingly cutting his ministry short. So Jesus commissions His 12 Apostles to go out and do the same thing, then he commissions an additional 70 to go out – Satan through his servant Herod will not be successful – the Gospel will be preached in all the nations!
- Previously this ministry was specific to the Apostles and directed at the Jews, now it is expanded to 70 disciples and more broadly to the Gentiles.
- Previously (**Luke 9:49-50**) John stopped another man from casting out demons because he wasn't part of their group, thinking that this was something exclusive to their group of Apostles. Here Jesus further re-iterates that this miraculous ministry isn't limited to the 12 - in other words they may not be as special as they thought.

V: 2 Jesus explains why they are being sent; there is a great harvest ready to be reaped so there is need of laborers, those to do the work of the ministry.

1 Corinthians 1:21 “For since in the wisdom of God, the world through wisdom did not know God, it pleased God through the foolishness of the message preached to save those who believe.”

“... *therefore pray*...”

1 Samuel 12:23 “Moreover, as for me, far be it from me that I should sin against the LORD in ceasing to pray for you; but I will teach you the good and the right way.”

- As they are called to pray, they become part of the answer to that prayer.

V: 3 “*Go your way*...” - “*I send you*...” - Sounds like the “great commission.”

Matthew 28:19 “Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them...”

- As you go your way you'll be like sheep among wolves:

Matthew 10:16 “Behold, I send you out as sheep in the midst of wolves: therefore be as wise as serpents, and harmless as doves.”

- Sheep are absolutely defenseless in and among themselves; they are dependent upon the Shepherd.

Psalms 89:18 “For the LORD is our defense; and the Holy One of Israel is our king.”

- Wise as serpents and harmless of doves: tough minded but tenderhearted.

James 1:5 “If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that gives to all men liberally, and without reproach; and it will be given to him.”

Romans 16:19b “... yet I would have you wise in that which is good, and simple concerning evil.”

- They were sent forth as lambs among wolves, not as lambs to the wolves.
- Jesus knew then, just as today that there were many religious wolves out there preying upon the people, ravenous wolves that were leading the people to their death, peddling religion that was empty and powerless – Jesus’ disciples were to be sheep in comparison.

Peter learned this lesson and passed it on:

1 Peter 5:2 “Shepherd the flock of God which is among you, serving as overseers, not by compulsion but willingly, not for dishonest gain but eagerly.”

V: 4 Very much like the Apostles as they are sent out, they go out dependent upon the love and charity of those they are ministering too – in actuality they are dependent on the Lord.

- No extra money, clothes, or provisions – just the clothes on their back and the Gospel of Jesus in their hearts.
- No worldly means to accomplish this heavenly commission:

Zechariah 4:6 “... not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, says the LORD of hosts.”

“... *and greet / salute no man by the way.*”

- The greetings and salutations of the day, particularly in the eastern culture could be a long and drawn out process – Jesus is saying you don’t have time for that.

John 9:4 “I must work the works of Him that sent me, while it is day: the night comes, when no man can work.” (Time is of the essence)

V: 5-7 As they entered a home they were to pronounce a blessing upon it - “*Peace to this house.*”

- The typical Jewish greeting “shalom” – peace, prosperity, health, and strength be with you...
- If a “*son of peace*” is there - a like minded brother, someone open to the Gospel, a kindred heart.

Romans 8:16 “The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God.”

- The disciples were to depend on the hospitality of those they ministered to from town to town. In those days, for a town to refuse a guest was a breach of etiquette.
- The disciples weren't to go from house to house. No shopping around.
- If the Spirit of God is moving in that place, then you'll know it; and if not you'll discern it, you'll feel it and it will turn in a way, and let your peace return to you and move on.

V: 8-9 The city or town that receives you, stay there and minister to them, bless them.

- If the Spirit of God is moving then stay in that house, receive whatever they give you – the workman is worthy of his hire, stay there and establish the work.
- If they receive you: Heal the sick and preach that the Kingdom of God is come near to them.

2 Timothy 4:2 “Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine.”

- The message: “The Kingdom of God has come near you;” this is slightly different than the message of John the Baptist and Jesus.
- They each said that “the kingdom of God was at hand” - meaning it is here now in your presence. The 70 are told to say: “the kingdom of God is near you.”
- Because at hand means here and now, because where Jesus is, that is the kingdom of God, the Kingdom of Heaven. The 70 are declaring “the kingdom of God is near you.” Meaning He's right around the corner, He'll be here soon. **Vv:1**

V: 10-11 “*But*” – on the contrary – whichever city or town rejects you: tell them, speak it in their streets that you shake the dust of their town off.

- Whether you believe it or not, whether you receive it or not – “*the Kingdom of God has come near you!*”
- All of this means that some will accept, and some will reject.

2 Corinthians 2:15-16 “¹⁵For we are to God the fragrance of Christ among those who are being saved, and among those who are perishing. ¹⁶To the one we are

the aroma of death leading to death, and to the other the aroma of life leading to life....”

V: 12-15 Speaking to those cities and villages that reject this message. Pronouncement of woes to the un-repentant cities. To these cities which have heard the truth, they have seen the Light of the World, yet they did not turn from their wicked ways, they did not repent.

- They and we are all accountable for what we know, what we’ve been told.

Luke 12:48 “Unto whom much is given, much will be required.”

- The Bible doesn’t list any miracles that were done in Chorazin, not all the miracles that Jesus did were recorded, but obviously according to Jesus there had been a great witness there, miracles were done there and they would be accountable for what they had seen and rejected.

John 20:30 “And many other signs truly did Jesus in the presence of His disciples, which are not written in this book.”

- “*Woe*” – not harsh, but a pitiful or mournful expression.
- Chorazin, Bethsaida, Capernaum, all desolate ruins.
- Capernaum, Jesus’ home and H.Q., rejected Him.
- Isaiah speaks of how that area had received a great light, but they preferred their darkness to the light.



Isaiah 9:2 “The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light: they that dwell in the land of the shadow of death, upon them has the light shined.”

John 1:9-11 “⁹That was the true Light, which gives light to every man coming into the world. ¹⁰He was in the world, and the world was made through Him, and the world did not know Him. ¹¹He came to His own, and His own did not receive Him.”

- These verses describe degrees of punishment. They didn’t see what you saw, the light shined in your midst.

2 Peter 2:21 “For it had been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than, after they have known it, to turn from the holy commandment delivered unto them.”

Psalms 2:12 “Kiss the Son, lest He be angry, and you perish from the way, when His wrath is kindled but a little. Blessed are all they that put their trust in Him.”

V: 16 When we are presenting the Gospel, the kingdom of God – those that hear us, are really hearing the Lord; those that reject, aren't rejecting us, they are rejecting Jesus, and the Father who sent Him.

John 13:20 “Verily, verily, I say to you, he who receives whomever I send receives Me; and he that receives Me receives Him that sent Me.”

John 5:23 “That all men should honor the Son, even as they honor the Father. He who does not honor the Son does not honor the Father who sent Him.”

1 Thessalonians 4:8 “Therefore he who rejects this does not reject man, but God, who has also given us His Holy Spirit.”

John 3:36 “He who believes in the Son has everlasting life; and he who does not believe the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God abides on him.”

V: 17 As the 70 returned to Jesus, they came back praising God that even the demons had been subject to them.

- In V: 9 when they'd been told to heal, there was likely both physical and spiritual healing; their commission was probably like the Apostles when they'd been sent out – in other words it wasn't a complete description. They probably had the power to cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, and everything the Apostles had done, and Jesus was doing.
- Key phrase: “... *in your name*.” Not in their name, not in their power...

Acts 19:13-16 “¹³Then certain of the vagabond Jews, exorcists, took upon themselves to call the name of the Lord Jesus over those who had evil spirits, saying, “we exorcise you by the Jesus whom Paul preaches.” ¹⁴Also there were seven sons of Sceva, a Jewish chief priest, who did so. ¹⁵And the evil spirit answered and said, “Jesus I know, and Paul I know; but who are you?” ¹⁶Then the man in whom the evil spirit was leaped on them, overpowered them, and prevailed against them, so that they fled out of that house naked and wounded.”

- It isn't just the “Jesus who Paul preaches” that has any power in our life; it is the Jesus that we experience personally. When we experience the power of Jesus in our life as we engage in a personal relationship with Him. It's not enough to know about Jesus, we have to know Him in a personal and experiential way – that is where the power is to heal, to drive out demons, or just to live the life that God has called us to live.

James 2:19 “You believe that there is one God. You do well. Even the demons believe - and tremble!”

V: 18 Jesus says that He personally saw Satan fall from heaven – that implies that Jesus was there in heaven to see it, or perhaps in His omniscience, or in a prophetic sense as in the near future.

- In the book of Job we see that Satan at one point had access to Heaven and the throne of God.

Satan's fall is further described in:

Revelation 12:9 “So the great dragon was cast out, that serpent of old, called the Devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world; he was cast to the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.”

- Twice in this verse: “*Cast out... cast to the earth... cast out.*”

Isaiah 14:12 “How you are fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! How you are cut down to the ground, you who weakened the nations!”

- Jesus is speaking to His disciples who had just returned from ministering to the people testified of how that even the demons were subject to them. He's saying it's not just the demons; Satan himself will be defeated as well.

So He says to them:

“And He said unto them, I beheld Satan as lightning fall from heaven.”

This is all leading up to the cross:

John 12:31 “Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be cast out.”

- Judgment of this world: Jesus is speaking about how all of our sins, the sins of the world are about to be judged on the cross, just as the prophet said:

Isaiah 53:6 “All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned, every one, to his own; way; and the Lord has laid on Him the iniquity of us all.”

- Jesus said: “Now the ruler of this world will be cast out.” Cast out from where? Earth? No, he's still busy here. He's cast out to the earth.
- Cast out from Heaven. Why? Because everyone's sins are paid for, there is no need to hear the charges anymore? The case has been adjudicated.
- Jesus saw it like it was yesterday, or in this case tomorrow.
- What we're reading now in Luke is a prophetic vision of what is about to take place. Also described in John, and Revelation which is a description of things that have already taken place at that time.

- Jesus in referring to seeing the fall of Satan signifies not only the victory that we have, but also a warning. Satan fell because of his pride, combined with V: 20 - that is what Jesus is warning His disciples to avoid, the sin of pride.

Romans 12:3 “For I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think; but to think soberly, according as God has dealt to every man the measure of faith.”

V: 19 “*Behold, I give...*” Present tense, they’ve already gone out and come back – they still have the power He gave them.

1. Power over all the power of the enemy.
2. Nothing shall by any means hurt you. (no sandals)

1 John 4:4 “You are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is He that is in you, than he that is in the world.”

Mark 16:18 “They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover.”

Acts 28:3-6 “³And when Paul had gathered a bundle of sticks, and laid them on the fire, there came a viper out of the heat, and fastened on his hand. ⁴So when the natives saw the creature hanging from his hand, they said to one another, “no doubt this man is a murderer, whom, though he has escaped the sea, yet justice does not allow to live.” ⁵But he shook off the creature into the fire and suffered no harm. ⁶However, they were expecting that he would swell up or suddenly fall down dead. But after they had looked for a long time and saw no harm come to him, they changed their minds and said that he was a god.”

- Nothing shall by any means hurt you... Satan is often referred to as a serpent; we’ve been given power in the spiritual realm.
- We’ve been given victory over Satan, over sin, and death – spiritual death.

Matthew 10:28 “And fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear Him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.”

- Many or most of the disciples and Apostles were martyred for their faith, their bodies were destroyed – but their souls weren’t, they are alive today in Heaven.

V: 20 It’s nice that you’ve been given power over the demons, but keep things in perspective – salvation is a better, the most precious gift.

- Rejoice that your names are written in the Lamb’s book of life!

Psalm 32:1-2 “¹Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. ²Blessed is the man unto whom the Lord does not impute iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no guile.”

Habakkuk 3:18 “Yet I will rejoice in the Lord, I will joy in the God of my salvation.”

Isaiah 61:10 “I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, my soul shall be joyful in my God; for He has clothed me with the garments of salvation, He has covered me with the robe of righteousness...”

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- The seventy disciples that had been sent out to minister, and heal, and preach the Gospel message had returned testifying of the great things that had been accomplished in Jesus’ name.
 - As they rejoiced about even the demons being subject to them in Jesus name, Jesus reminds them that as awesome as that is – they should rejoice even more because their names are written in heaven, rejoicing in their own salvation.

Jeremiah 9:23-24 “²³Thus says the LORD: let not the wise man glory in his wisdom, let not the mighty man glory in his might, nor let the rich man glory in his riches; ²⁴But let him who glories glory in this, that he understands and knows Me, that I am the LORD, exercising lovingkindness, judgment, and righteousness in the earth. For in these I delight, says the LORD.”

- That is a good reminder for us: whether it’s a good day or a bad day – Just the fact that our names are recorded in the Lamb’s book of life, that we know Him and understand who He is should cause us to rejoice, to keep us steady in the storms – helping us to keep things in perspective.

V: 21 Jesus tells them to rejoice, then He Himself rejoices! It’s all connected.

- Jesus rejoiced in His Spirit because His Heavenly Father had hidden these things from the proud and self-assured, but had revealed them to “babes,” to us, the simple.
- Jesus first off simply rejoiced in God’s perfect will, noting that God’s will was good and sufficient, and that it was actually being accomplished.

Psalm 143:10 “Teach me to do Your will; for You are my God: Your Spirit is good; lead me into the land of uprightness.”

- Hid from the wise and the prudent.
- Jesus was not rejoicing because sinners were blind to God’s truth, for “God is not willing that any should perish” (**2 Peter 3:9**).

- He rejoiced because the understanding of that truth did not depend on natural abilities or education. If that were the case, most of the people in the world would be shut out of the kingdom.

1 Corinthians 1:26-27 “²⁶For you see your calling, brethren, how that not many wise men after the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, are called: ²⁷But God has chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise; and God has chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty;”

1 Corinthians 3:19 “For the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God. For it is written, He takes the wise in their own craftiness;”

- This is revealing and aspect of the sovereignty of God.

1 Samuel 2:6-8 “⁶The Lord kills, and makes alive: He brings down to the grave, and brings up. ⁷The Lord makes poor, and makes rich: He brings low, and lifts up. ⁸He raises up the poor out of the dust, and lifts up the beggar from the dunghill, to set them among princes, and to make them inherit the throne of glory: for the pillars of the earth are the Lord’s, and He has set the world upon them.”

V: 22 All things are in His hands. Jesus is in absolute control.

Matthew 28:18 “... all power is given unto Me in heaven and in earth.”

A=B, and B=C, so A=C.

- **Know:** gnosko **reveal:** apokalypto
- The Father has been revealed to us through His Son Jesus!

John 14:8-9 “⁸Phillip said to Him, Lord, show us the Father, and it is sufficient for us. ⁹Jesus said to him, have I been with you so long, and yet you have not known Me, Philip? He who has seen Me has seen the Father; so how can you say, “show us the Father?””

Hebrews 1:1-3 “¹God, who at various times and in various ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets, ²has in these last days spoken to us by His Son, whom He has appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the worlds; ³who being the brightness of His glory and the express image of His person, and upholding all things by the Word of His power, when He had by Himself purged our sins, sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high.”

Colossians 2:9

V: 23-24 Contrast: you do see, you do hear? – Then blessed are you!

Psalm 119:17-18 “¹⁷Deal bountifully with You servant, that I may live, and keep Your word. ¹⁸Open thou mine eyes, that I may behold wondrous things out of thy law.”

- The Old Testament prophets and kings didn't always understand what they were writing or reading, they had lots of questions. (This should make us all feel better)

1 Peter 1:10-12 “¹⁰Of which salvation the prophets have inquired and searched diligently, who prophesied of the grace that should come unto you: ¹¹Searching what, or what manner of time the Spirit of Christ which was in them did signify, when it testified beforehand the sufferings of Christ, and the glory that should follow. ¹²To them it was revealed that, not to themselves, but to us they were ministering the things which now have been reported to you through those who have preached the gospel to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven - things which angels desire to look into.” (Prophets & priests were curious too)

What things?

- 2 lines of Messianic prophecy.
- Salvation by Grace.
- Crucifixion
- Resurrection
- The church.

2 Corinthians 4:6 “For it is God who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, who has shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.”

V: 25-26 A lawyer would be a scribe, testing, trying, tempting, entrapping... another translation renders this as “*putting Him on trial...*”

- From the Jewish perspective at that time, just being a Jew, a member of the chosen race meant that they would inherit the kingdom of heaven upon their death.
- Jesus answers his question with a question: What does scripture say about this, what is your understanding?

V: 27-28 The scribe / attorney responded to “*love God with all your heart, soul, strength, and mind; and to love your neighbor as yourself.*”

Deuteronomy 6:4-5 (Shema) “⁴Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God is one Lord: ⁵And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength.”

- Jesus said a similar thing:

Matthew 22:37-40 “³⁷Jesus said to him, “you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. ³⁸This is the first and great commandment. ³⁹And the second is like it, you shall love your neighbor as yourself. ⁴⁰On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.”

- This is a summary of the 10 commandments, which are stated mostly in the negative / “don’ts” which are now stated as “do’s”.
- He already knew the answer, but knowing the answer intellectually and living it out experientially is the essence of faith.

James 1:22 “But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves.”

James 2:7-18 “¹⁷Even so faith, if it has not works, is dead, being alone. ¹⁸Yes, a man may say, you have faith, and I have works: show me your faith without your works, and I will show you my faith by my works.”

1 John 3:18 “My little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth.”

V: 29 Justifying ourselves: we’re prone to wanting to do that but it is impossible before the Lord.

Galatians 3:10-11 “¹⁰For as many as are of the works of the law are under the curse: for it is written, cursed is every one who does not continue in all things which are written in the book of the law, to do them. ¹¹But that no one is justified by the law in the sight of God is evident, for the just shall live by faith.”

- Trying to justify himself, he asks “*Who is my neighbor?*” Within the Law or within religious parameters we typically try to justify ourselves by comparison.

V: 30-37 Jesus uses an illustration to answer the scribe’s question and to make the point.

- The journey from Jerusalem to Jericho is 18-20 miles, the elevation changes about 3,600 feet, so it’s a steep path with the valleys and canyons along the way. This made it all the more dangerous because robbers and thieves would commonly ambush travelers along the way – which is why people traveled in caravans for protection. (Jesus is on that road...)

V: 30 A man from Jerusalem – presumably a Jew – from the Holy City, who could have been any of them.

- Robbers, evil men fell upon him, beat and stripped him, leaving him for dead.

V: 31 The priest, see’s him then passes on by without helping him.

V: 32 A Levite, looked upon him, took more time to examine the situation, then passes on, again without helping him.

Psalm 142:4 “Look on my right hand and see, for there is no one who acknowledges me; refuge has failed me; no one cares for my soul.”

V: 33-35 A Samaritan: hated by the Jews, considered half breeds, despised by the priests and scribes, the religious establishment.

- This Samaritan does what is obviously the right thing – he ends up being more righteous than the priest and Levite.
- The Samaritan had compassion upon this poor man, a Jew from Jerusalem: His compassion led to action, he didn't just look at him, he took action. He went to him, bound up his wounds, pouring oil (Holy Spirit) and wine (Blood of Jesus) – going to expense, placed him on his donkey – he inconvenienced himself, brought him to an inn and took care of him.

Proverbs 25:21-22 “²¹If your enemy is hungry, give him bread to eat; and if he is thirsty, give him water to drink. ²²For you shall heap coals of fire upon his head, and the Lord shall reward you.”

- Coals – Hebrew “gahal” – broom tree. Burns from inside out.

Matthew 5:43-45 “⁴³You have heard that it was said, “you shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.” ⁴⁴But I say to you, love your enemies, bless those who curse you, and do good to those who hate you, and pray for those who spitefully use you and persecute you, ⁴⁵that you may be sons of your Father in heaven; for He makes His sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust.”

- He paid the inn keeper to take care of the poor man and ensured that he would be taken care of, then said when he's come back he will re-pay him.
- The inn keeper had some choices in front of him:
 1. Dump the guy on the street figuring the Samaritan will never return.
 2. He could take care of him until the money runs out, then get rid of him.
 3. He could trust what the Samaritan said and take care of him until he's better, trusting in the return of the Samaritan to repay the debt.
- In this case, Jesus is the good Samaritan, he poured out his blood / wine, He's given us the Holy Spirit / oil, He elevated us to His place, and lowered Himself to our place. He delivered us to the inn keeper and paid the price, a down payment, then He said he'd be back to repay all.

V: 36-37 Jesus now answers this rhetorical question which could have only one answer.

- That is who your neighbor is, whoever is in distress or in need. That's your neighbor. Now go out and do likewise.

“*Neighbor*” - 3x's (G-4139) “plesion” - near, close, near to, nearby, fellow man.

V: 38-42 Mary and Martha, the sisters of Lazarus who all lived in Bethany.



V: 38 Martha received Jesus into “her” house – this house was her domain. In John's Gospel Bethany is described as “Mary's town”.

- Two personalities; one focused on the daily household needs, another focused on the activities and people outside the house.

V: 39 We see Mary sitting at the feet of Jesus – which is where we always see Mary, always at the feet of Jesus. When He was teaching, when He was raising her brother from the dead, and when she anointed His feet for His burial.

- In each instance there was a fragrance; food, death, perfume.

V: 40 “*Martha was distracted*” and complained that she was doing all the work and that Mary should help.

“*Distracted* / Cumbered” (G-4049). perispao, per-ee-spah'-o; to drag all around, to distract, cumber. (stressed)

Matthew 11:28-30 “²⁸Come unto Me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. ²⁹Take My yoke upon you, and learn of Me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and you shall find rest for your souls. ³⁰For My yoke is easy, and My burden is light.”

V: 41-42 “Martha, Martha” (Mistress, Lady of the house) – words of comfort.

“*You are worried and troubled for many things:*” (stressed)

Philippians 4:6-7 “⁶Be careful / anxious for nothing; but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷And the peace of God, which passes all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.”

- The issue isn't that Mary should do what Martha is doing, but that Martha should come and sit at Jesus' feet as well.

- We referred to **James 1:22** about being doers of the word and not hearers only which is about putting faith into practice.
- We have to be careful not to be so busy doing that we forget who we're doing it for, or why. We do still need to be refreshed in his word, we still need to sit at his feet!
- When we're distracted, worried, and anxious – the cure is to sit at Jesus' feet.

Psalm 46:10 “Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!”