

March 5th

"I know that in me (that is in my flesh) dwelleth no good thing." (Rom:7.18).

To show His love to Martha and Mary, the Lord Jesus Christ came to Bethany again and again, but they had to be prepared to receive His fullness. The first time He came to show them their true condition. If we really want to receive God's love fully, we have first to see our sinful and corrupt condition. There is nothing good in us, as Paul testifies (Rom. 7:18). It takes us many years to learn that lesson, because we do not want to think that there is nothing good in us.

Outwardly the family at Bethany were very nice people. They looked after Lord Jesus and loved Him. They were not like the Pharisees and Sadducees who found fault with Him. This family had great respect for the Lord Jesus Christ, and welcomed Him with great joy every time. Whenever the Lord Jesus came from Jerusalem, He must have stopped there on the way. Even though His visits are recorded only eight times, He must have gone there many more times than that. The Lord knew very well their condition and it was not because they were perfect that He went there. He knew how much he could accomplish in them by going there so He kept on going. The first time He went, it was to show them their true nature and condition, for He only can see our hearts.

Today's calendar Bible verse:

Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Matthew 28:20.