

## March 7<sup>th</sup>

*"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 10:41-42)*

In the beginning we find there is not mention about Lazarus. Evidently he was not interested at first. He was a good man. There was no charge against him, for he was honest and hardworking, and a good brother. We know that, because Martha and Mary wept so much for him when he died. If he was a bad man, nobody would have wept for him. There are some very nice people who are very kind and very loving. But somehow they do not have any hunger or thirst for the things of God.

In Luke 10:40 we see how kind Martha was. As soon as she saw the Lord through the window, she got busy getting the fire ready and began to prepare the food. She was very hospitable, kind-hearted, and a very good cook. But she was also full of jealousy and bad temper. She went on cooking for sometime, but kept one eye upon Mary and one eye upon the food. She waited for a while, but her heart was burning, till looking very angry, she went to the Lord Jesus, and said "Lord look at that woman! Tell her to come and help me." By the Lord coming into her family, all her hidden weakness came out.

Whenever the Lord uncovers sin, He does it to bless us, but human beings uncover sin, to shame us. He went to Bethany not to shame us. He went to Bethany not to shame them, but to allow them to see their own folly and weakness, and how they could be transformed and become new.

### ***Today's calendar Bible verse:***

*Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ. Galatians 6:2.*