

## The Women of Easter – Week 1

A man called Lazarus.

John tell us immediately when opening John 11 that Lazarus was sick. A man named Lazarus was sick. How many of our journals/prayer lists have the same entry...A woman named Lori has breast cancer. A man named Tom lost his job. A man named Ralph lost his wife.....*what entry on your prayer list would fit this sentence?*

We learn he was very ill when the sisters sent for Jesus. But, scripture tells us they made a simple statement to Jesus when they sent for him, (the one you love is sick). Max Lucado writes “They appealed to the love of Jesus and stated their problem. They did not tell him how to respond. No presumption. No overreaching or underreacting. They simply wrapped their concern in a sentence and left it with Jesus. A *lesson for us perhaps?*

Jesus did not leave immediately upon hearing the message that Lazarus was sick. *Why was this? Customs of the time? Would God receive all the glory?*

The two sisters, Mary and Martha

Having settled down at the Lord’s feet, Mary of Bethany fixed her gaze on Jesus (Luke 10:39), but Martha was ‘distracted’ (Luke 10:40) and worried over many things (Luke 10:40). *How do you find balance? Are you more of a ‘sit at the feet of Jesus’, or a worry and upset over many things? Does your answer reflect that you trust Jesus?*

Jesus tell us that...only one thing is needed. Mary has chosen what is better, and it will not be taken away from her (Luke 10:41)