MARTHA, MARY & LAZARUS
MARTHA

- From Bethany; sister of Mary & Lazarus
- Sends message to Jesus about Lazarus & leaves village to meet Jesus.
- Calls Jesus “Teacher” & “Lord”
- Martha loves Jesus; is a disciple.
- Martha appears 2x
INTERACTION WITH JESUS

- Jesus delays 2 days
- Lazarus’ death is not result of Jesus’ delay
- “Lord, if you had been here…”
- Belief in Jesus as miracle worker
MARTHA’S FAITH & JESUS’ REVELATION

- Resurrection – on the last day

- "I am the Resurrection & the life....." (11:25a)

- Eternal life conquers death without abolishing death.
DEVELOPMENT OF MARTHA’S FAITH

- Proclaims Jesus: “the Messiah, the Son of God”
  - Echoes purpose of Jn’s Gospel (20:31)
  - Echoes Peter’s confession (Mt 16:16)
  - Model disciple: hurries to tell Mary

- Hesitation at Lazarus’ tomb (11:39)
  - Encouragement to believe (11:40)
MARTHA

- Takes initiative
- Reproach of, & hope in, Jesus
- Faith & understanding develops
- Disciple of Jesus
MARY

- Unmarried & wealthy?
- Disciple of Jesus
- 2 interactions with Jesus
  - Before Lazarus’ comes back from the dead
  - After Lazarus’ rising
MARY’S FIRST INTERACTION WITH JESUS

- Similar starting point to Martha (11:32)
- Goes to Jesus after Martha’s testimony
- Falls at Jesus’ feet
- Linked with “the Jews” (11:31, 33, 35)
JESUS’ DISTRESS

- Effect of death on people?
- Response of Mary & “the Jews”?
- Jesus’ “hour” is approaching?
- Imminent rejection that will end in death?
"Sir, Come & See"

- "Where have you laid him?" (11:34)

- Do you believe?

- Jesus cries out (cf. Jn 18-19)

- Jesus’ commands (cf. Exodus 5:1)
MARY’S SECOND INTERACTION WITH JESUS

- Mary at the feet of Jesus:
  - Extravagant act
  - Extraordinary act
  - Unusual act

- Foreshadows Jesus’ washing of disciples’ feet (Jn 13)?
  - Mary as true disciple
LAZARUS

- Another Lazarus (cf. Lk 16:31)

- Lazarus’ relationship with “the Jews” & Jesus:
  - Lazarus: one of “the Jews”?  
  - Jesus loves his friend Lazarus – disciple?

- Jewish burial customs
  - Why did Jesus delay?
RAISING OF LAZARUS

- "Lazarus, come out!" (11:43)

- Echoes of:
  - Jn 5:28-29
  - Jn 10:3-5
“TESTIMONY” OF LAZARUS

- Twofold effect of raising of Lazarus:
  - Causes people to believe in Jesus
  - Points to future bodily resurrection

- Jesus’ raising of Lazarus:
  - Elicits *initial* faith
  - Deepens *existing* faith
  - Triggers a *hostile* reaction