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Walking in the Light of the Son

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Key Verse: "Then took Mary a pound of ointment of spikenard, very costly, and anointed the feet of Jesus, and wiped his feet with her hair: and the house was filled with the odor of the ointment." John 12:3

Mary of Bethany – Strength through Worship

Much speculation and misunderstanding has occurred about this Mary. The gospels record two distinct instances of women anointing Jesus with costly perfume. One woman was a sinful woman who entered the house of Simon the Pharisee and anointed the feet of Jesus. The other woman, Mary of Bethany, was a follower and friend of the Savior who anointed His head and His feet. As we study three distinct events in the life of Mary of Bethany, look at how she displays her God-given strength. She knows how to worship the Savior. Watch as she demonstrates her enduring love for her Friend, her Teacher, her Comforter and her Redeemer.

1. **Read Luke 10:38-42.** In our first encounter with Mary, where do we find her?
2. In comparison with her sister Martha, how was Mary attending to the needs of her guest?
3. How did Martha view her sister's actions?
4. Record Jesus' response to Martha's complaint about her sister:
5. What is the "good part" that Mary chose?
6. Martha was caught up in the "busyness" of trying to serve Jesus in her own way. How did her desire to make sure everything was *just right* affect her relationship with Jesus as He sat right in her own home?
7. Do you ever feel like Martha; too busy in serving to even notice you are in the very presence of Jesus Himself?

8. What valuable lesson about worship can we learn from Mary's actions in this passage?