What If I Fulfilled the Greatest Commandment? Wylie Methodist Church Adult Life Pastor Billy Crim – April 28, 2024

Luke 10:38-42

38 Now as they were traveling along, He entered a village; and a woman named Martha welcomed Him into her home. **39** She had a sister called Mary, who was seated at the Lord's feet, listening to His word. **40** But Martha was distracted with [g]all her preparations; and she came up *to Him* and said, "Lord, do You not care that my sister has left me to do all the serving alone? Then tell her to help me." **41** But the Lord answered and said to her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and bothered about so many things; **42** but *only* one thing is necessary, for Mary has chosen the good part, which shall not be taken away from her."

John 11:17-32

17 So when Jesus came, He found that he had already been in the tomb four days. 18 Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, about [d]two miles off; 19 and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary, to console them concerning *their* brother. 20 Martha therefore, when she heard that Jesus was coming, went to meet Him, but Mary [e]stayed at the house. 21 Martha then said to Jesus, "Lord, if You had been here, my brother would not have died. 22 Even now I know that whatever You ask of God, God will give You." 23 Jesus *said to her, "Your brother will rise again." 24 Martha *said to Him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." 25 Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes in Me will live even if he dies, 26 and everyone who lives and believes in Me will never die. Do you believe this?" 27 She *said to Him, "Yes, Lord; I have believed that You are [f]the Christ, the Son of God, even [g]He who comes into the world." 28 When she had said this, she went away and called Mary her sister, saying secretly, "The Teacher is here and is calling for you." 29 And when she heard it, she *got up quickly and was coming to Him. 30 Now Jesus had not yet come into the village, but was still in the place where Martha met Him. 31 Then the Jews who were with her in the house, and consoling her, when they saw that Mary got up quickly and went out, they followed her, supposing that she was going to the tomb to weep there. 32 Therefore, when Mary came where Jesus was, she saw Him, and fell at His feet, saying to Him, "Lord, if You had been here, my brother would not have died."

John 12:1-8

Jesus, therefore, six days before the Passover, came to Bethany where Lazarus was, whom Jesus had raised from the dead. **2** So they made Him a supper there, and Martha was serving; but Lazarus was one of those reclining *at the table* with Him. **3** Mary then took a [a]pound of very costly perfume of pure nard, and anointed the feet of Jesus and wiped His feet with her hair; and the house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. **4** But Judas Iscariot, one of His disciples, who was intending to [b]betray Him, *said, **5** "Why was this perfume not sold for [c]three hundred denarii and given to poor *people*?" **6** Now he said this, not because he was concerned about the poor, but because he was a thief, and as he had the money box, he used to pilfer what was put into it. **7** Therefore Jesus said, "Let her alone, so that she may keep [d]it for the day of My burial. **8** For you always have the poor with you, but you do not always have Me."