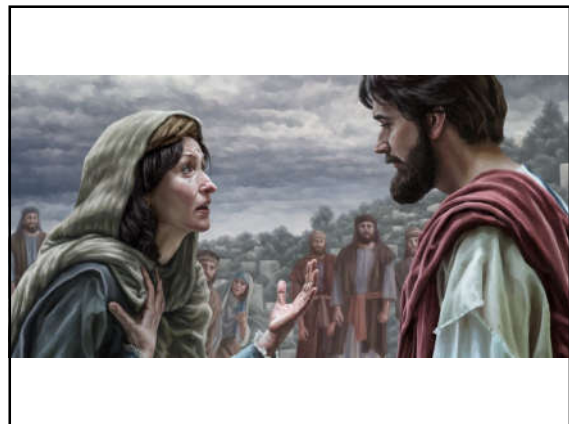
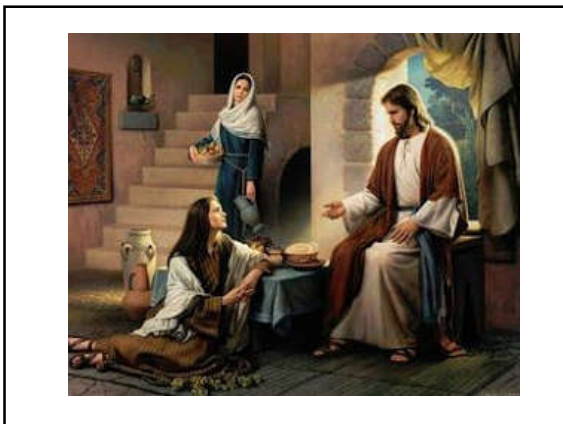
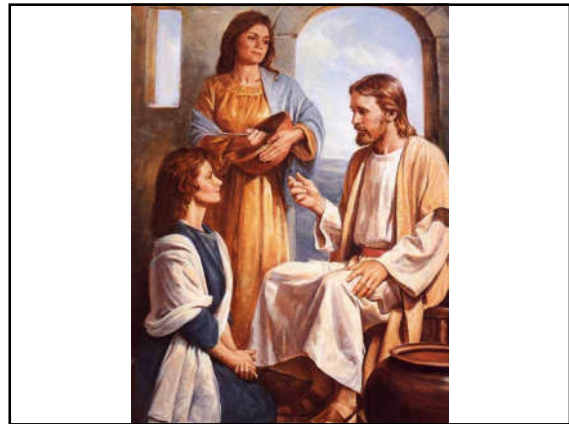


Martha - Friend and Follower of Jesus



Martha's Lament
 "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died."

LAMENT IN HEBREW LITERATURE
 A lament is a response to a critical event in a person's life. It calls into question the conviction that God protects the individual or people from calamity, chaos and death.

Characteristics of a lament:
 **Often accuses God of having a part in the lamenter's suffering
 **Has its roots in faith - only a person of faith would challenge God to act
 ** Becomes a testimony of one's trust in God.

4 phases in the lament:
 1. Address 2. Complaint; 3. Petition; 4. Affirmation

Martha: Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.
 Jesus said to her, "your brother will rise again".

Martha: I know he will rise again in the resurrection at the last day

Jesus said to her, I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies, and whoever lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?

Martha: Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who was to come into the world

Martha: "I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who was to come into the world."

Peter: "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."



Jesus wept

