

FAR FROM THE TREE

John 11:1-7, 17-44
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Big Idea: We can face frustration when we face tragedy in our lives, but we place our hope and victory in Christ.

INTRO:

1. Responses to **anticipated** trials
2. Responses to **abrupt** trials

A. MARTHA: A STUDY OF **SINCERITY**

1. Martha's **honesty** (v. 17-21)
2. Martha's **hopefulness** (v. 22-27)
3. Martha's **hesitation** (v. 38-39)

B. MARY: A STUDY OF **SORROW**

1. Mary's **detachment** (v. 19-20, 30)
2. Mary's **displacement** (v. 31-32)
3. Mary's **distress** (v. 33)

C. JESUS: A STUDY OF THE **SHADOW** OF THE CROSS

1. Jesus faced **adversity** (v. 33-37)
2. Jesus experienced **misery** (v. 38-39)
3. Jesus triumphed in **victory** (v. 40-44)

CONCLUSION:

“So then, since we have a great High Priest who has entered heaven, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to what we believe. ¹⁵ This High Priest of ours understands our weaknesses, for he faced all of the same testings we do, yet he did not sin. ¹⁶ So let us come boldly to the throne of our gracious God. There we will receive his mercy, and we will find grace to help us when we need it most.” (Hebrews 4:14-16)

