

# Wednesday's Wisdom

a weekly short note from Mike Minear

## The Love of Jesus [Part 2](#)

*Billy Norris*

### They had implicit faith in Christ

If we have a place for Christ in our home, like Mary, Martha, and Lazarus, no doubt we also will be the recipients of His love. They had implicit faith in Christ. They believed Him to be the Son of God. Martha said to Christ, "Yes, Lord, I believe that You are the Christ, the Son of God, who is to come into the world" (John 11:27). Indeed, He is the Son of God, though many today deny that He is. One who does not believe that Christ is the Son of God denies God's word. God identified Him as His Son: "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased"

(Matt. 3:17). The angel Gabriel told Mary how she would become the mother of the Son of God. "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Highest will overshadow you; therefore, also, the Holy One who is to be born will be called the Son of God" (Luke 1:35).

Further, this family showed their faith in Christ and their longing for His presence in time of trouble. In their distress, when their beloved brother was sick, they sent for Christ. "Lord, behold, he whom You love is sick" (John 11:3). Their attitude was far different from the rebellious spirit, "Lord, if You let our brother die, we will never trust You again."

If we, like Mary and Martha and Lazarus, have implicit faith in Christ, we, too, surely will be the recipients of His love.

**They honored Christ with expressions of love and devotion.** Then six days before the Passover, Jesus came to Bethany, where Lazarus was who had been dead, whom He raised from the dead. There they made Him a supper; and Martha served, but Lazarus was one of those who sat at the table with Him. Then Mary took a pound of very costly oil of spikenard, anointed the feet of Jesus, and wiped His feet with her hair. And the house was filled with the fragrance of the oil" (John 12:1-3).

He was an honored guest in this home. They prepared for him a supper and, as could be expected, Martha served. Mary also humbly served in anointing His feet with the costly oil and wiping His feet with her hair. Every act showed their love for Christ, their willingness to serve and to give of themselves and of their substance.

If in the daily walks of life we also humbly serve and gladly give to His cause, we too will have the characteristics that elicit the love of Christ.

### **They sought to learn His will.**

Though we think of Martha as the sister who was perhaps overly concerned with serving, she also had learned at the feet of Jesus. She said to Him, "I believe that You are the Son of God." Such faith grew out of hearing His word. "So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God" (Rom. 1:17).

We are told that Mary "sat at the feet of Jesus and heard His word" (Luke 10:39). Here is a family that opened their home to Jesus and spent time at His feet in their desire to learn the will of God.

Not only were these two sisters and their brother eager to learn from Christ, their lives in close association with Christ showed that they applied the truth that they had they learned.

The lives of these three godly people demonstrate to us how we, too, can be assured of the love of Christ.

Note: Billy Norris, the writer of this article published in the Apr 2000 *Gospel Guide* was a long time very close friend of our Robert Harkrider. He was 97 years of age at his passing last month and over 1,000 attended his funeral Robert Harkrider conducted. **(Attached is his lengthy obituary.)** A lot of you are familiar with study books Robert has written. Early on in their friendship Brother Norris told Robert if he would write them, he would publish them. Go to this link for list of available study aids written by R. Harkrider and published by Norris Book Company:

[The Bible Speaks](#)



## **William Norris Jr.**

William Benjimen "Billy" Norris Jr., 97, of Russellville, passed from this life July 12,

**This week's video lesson is:** (Contact me if you do not have Quicktime)

Ephesians 1:1-6, Salutation

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