"For She Loved Much" (Luke 7:47)

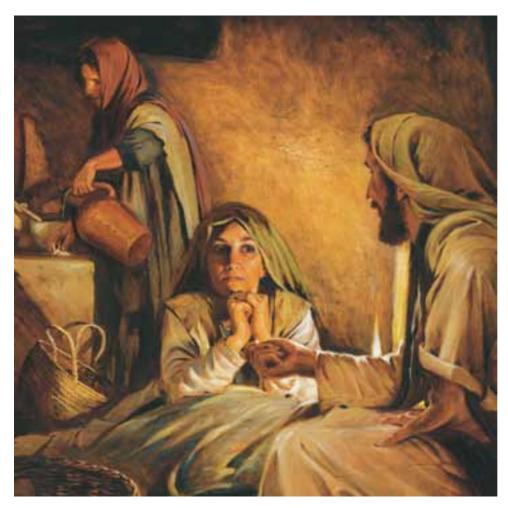
Women of the New Testament







Above: She Shall Bring Forth a Son, by Liz Lemon Swindle. "Behold, a virgin [Mary] shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us" (Matthew 1:23; see vv. 18–25). Above right: *Living Water*, by Simon Dewey. "Jesus answered and said unto her, If thou knewest the gift of God, and who it is that saith to thee, Give me to drink; thou wouldest have asked of him, and he would have given thee living water" (John 4:10; see vv. 6–30).



Left: Peace, Not as the World Giveth, by Michael T. Malm. "Then shall the kingdom of heaven be likened unto ten virgins, which took their lamps, and went forth to meet the bridegroom....

"The wise [virgins] took oil in their vessels with their lamps" (Matthew 25:1, 4; see vv. 1–13).

Above: Mary Heard His Word, by Walter Rane. "And Jesus answered and said unto her, Martha, Martha, thou art careful and troubled about many things:

"But one thing is needful: and Mary hath chosen that good part, which shall not be taken away from her" (Luke 10:41–42; see vv. 38–42).



Above: Forsaking All, by Elspeth Young. Priscilla and her husband, Aquila, were exiled Jews living in Corinth, Greece. The Apostle Paul stayed with them during his second missionary journey. Like many other believers during New Testament times, Aquila and Priscilla forsook all for the gospel's sake. Here Priscilla contemplates leaving Corinth for Ephesus. (See Acts 18:1–3, 18–19; Romans 16:1–3.)







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Above: That Good Part, by Elspeth

Young. Siblings Mary, Martha, and Lazarus, of Bethany, were all devoted disciples of the Savior. On one occasion, "Martha received [Christ] into her house.

"And she had a sister called Mary, which also sat at Jesus' feet, and heard his word" (Luke 10:38–39).

Of this, Christ said, "Mary hath chosen that good part, which shall not be taken away from her" (Luke 10:42).

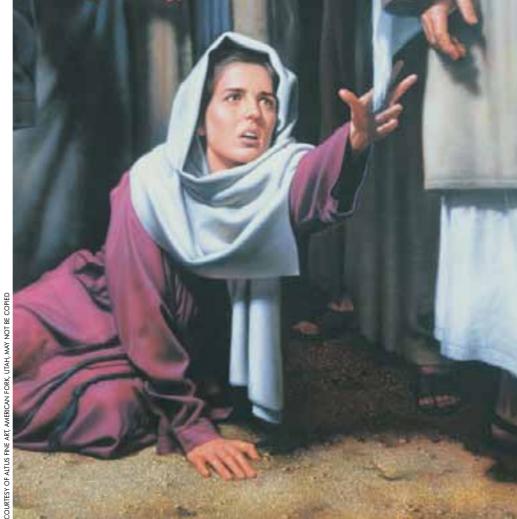
Above right: Discipleship, by Elspeth

Young. "Now there was at Joppa a certain disciple named Tabitha, which by interpretation is called Dorcas: this woman was full of good works and almsdeeds which she did" (Acts 9:36; see vv. 36–43).



Left: Detail from *The Widow's Mite*, by Liz Lemon Swindle. "And he saw also a certain poor widow casting in thither two mites.

"And he said, Of a truth I say unto you, that this poor widow hath cast in more than they all" (Luke 21:2–3; see vv. 1–4).



Above left: Why Seek Ye the Living among the Dead? by Jan Astle. "Now upon the first day of the week, very early in the morning, they [Mary Magdalene and other women] came unto the sepulchre, . . .

"And they found the stone rolled away. . . .

"... Behold, two men stood by them in shining garments [and]

"... said unto them, Why seek ye the living among the dead?

"He is not here, but is risen" (Luke 24:1–2, 4–6; see vv. 1–13).

Above: Detail from *Touch of Faith, by* Simon Dewey. "And, behold, a woman, which was diseased with an issue of blood twelve years, came behind him, and touched the hem of his garment:

"For she said within herself, If I may but touch his garment, I shall be whole" (Matthew 9:20–21; see vv. 18–22). ■