

Jesus Visits the Home of Martha and Mary Luke 10:38-42

It seems Martha and Mary often _____ Jesus while He was in the area of Jerusalem. We will find it recorded that He was in their home _____ times. By their actions and words, we know that these two women loved Jesus very much and recognized Him as their _____.

I The Setting

“Now it came to pass, as they went, that he entered into a certain village: and a certain woman named Martha received (Lit. _____) him into her house. ³⁹And she had a sister called Mary, which also sat at Jesus' feet, and _____ his word. But Martha was cumbered (Lit. - _____) about much serving, ” Luke 10:38-40a

“he entered into a certain village” –

“received him into her house” –

Martha –

Mary –

II. Martha's Complaint

**“But Martha was cumbered about much serving, and came to him, and said, Lord, dost thou not care that my sister hath _____ me to serve alone? bid her therefore that she _____ me.”
Luke 10:40**

“dost thou not care that my sister hath left me to serve alone?” –

“bid her therefore that she help me” –

III. Jesus' Truth

“And Jesus answered and said unto her, Martha, Martha, thou art _____ and _____ about _____ things: ⁴²But _____ thing is needful: and Mary _____ chosen that good part, which shall not be taken away from her.” Luke 10:41-42

Truth about Martha –

Martha's Good Action:

- Warmly _____ Jesus into her home. – Greatly honored and excited to have Him!
- Prepare an _____ meal to **honor Jesus** – loving host
Everything in her power---plus---to make Jesus' visit special

Martha's Good Action _____ Becomes Her Enemy:

- Over-occupation with the _____ part of the service...led to →
- Over-fussed on the _____ led to →
- Inner anxiety when realizing she could not meet her own _____ led to →
- A complete loss of herself, and she burst into a jealous temper and anger at both Jesus and Mary! She could not sustain what she had planned by herself! Ultimately, Martha _____ others and _____ herself!

The One she had wanted to honor became one of the objects of her fury!

Truth about Mary –

Mary's Good Action:

- Eager and alert _____ -
- Undistracted _____ -

Mary's Good Action was _____ by Jesus:

- One _____ was needful – Mary got it right
- Her position was _____ going to be “taken away from her.”

Believers' Application:

This incident is an example of Jesus followers desiring to serve and work for Jesus instead of sitting and learning from Him. Jesus always emphasized a heart of love and obedience, not solely work and sacrifice. These two attitudes have been at war with each other since the beginning. One leads to peace and growth and the other can easily move to frustration and anxiety. We must be constantly evaluating our lives. Are we serving but neglecting the “good part?”

These verses emphasize the balance needed in the life of a follower of God:

Psalm 27:4 –

Ecclesiastes 12:13-14 –

1 Corinthians 10:31 –

Colossians 3:23-24 –

1 Peter 4:8-10 –

It is wonderful to realize that Martha learned from Jesus' gentle rebuke. John 12:1-3

We find much of the same scenario:

- Martha is prepping and serving a banquet meal –
- Mary at Jesus' feet –

But this time Martha reacts differently – no.....

Ladies Studying Jesus

Homework – Vol. 6 #23

1. Whether we are entertaining in the form of a “feast” or “simply,” what are three hints you have found to help entertain without becoming a “beast?” 😊

Read Luke 11:1-13 – This is the second giving of the Lord’s Prayer.

2. What caused Jesus to give this teaching on prayer here?

3. What caused Jesus to give the Lord’s Prayer the first time? (Matthew 6:5-15)

4. In verses 5-8, Jesus gives a parable concerning prayer to His disciples. Rewrite the parable in your own words.

5. In verses 9-13, Jesus explains this parable. Rewrite the explanation in your own words.