

Luke 10:38-42 Mary & Martha

³⁸ Now it happened as they went that He entered a certain village; and a certain woman named Martha welcomed Him into her house. ³⁹ And she had a sister called Mary, who also sat at Jesus' feet and heard His word. ⁴⁰ But Martha was distracted with much serving, and she approached Him and said, "Lord, do You not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Therefore tell her to help me." ⁴¹ And Jesus answered and said to her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and troubled about many things. ⁴² But one thing is needed, and Mary has chosen that good part, which will not be taken away from her." NKJV

Facts Revealed:

Identity of Mary and Martha

- † Jesus was anointed by Mary the sister of Martha, Lazarus, and Judas Iscariot, daughter of Simon the leper who was a Pharisee living in Bethany. [Matthew 26:6-13, Mark 14:3-9, Luke 7:36-50, John 12:1-8]
- † One of the disciples, her brother Judas Iscariot criticized the waste. [Matthew 26:8-9, Mark 14:4-5, John 12:4-6]

Situation

- † Martha invited Jesus into her house and busied herself serving dinner.
- † Mary sat at the feet of Jesus, listening to His words.
- † Martha asked Jesus to send Mary to help with the serving.
- † Jesus told Martha that there was only one thing that was needed, and Mary had chosen that good part, which will not be taken away from her.
 - ✧ Jesus recognized Martha's anxiety and did not belittle her for it.
 - ✧ Jesus simply said that serving was not as important and listening to His Words.
 - ✧ Since Jesus said that He did not come to be served, but to serve, [Matthew 20:28, Mark 10:45] it is fully reasonable to expect that if Martha had joined Mary at the feet of Jesus, after the teaching, Jesus Himself would have helped with the serving.
 - ✧ God is the One Who helps us do everything we do and provides for all our needs. [Deuteronomy 8:18]
 - ✧ Jesus was here to do the Will of the Father. [Hebrews 10:5-7]