

Mary & Martha

Luke 10:38-42

If Jesus came to visit you, what would you do?
Would you clean the house, cook a fancy meal,
or just sit and talk with Him?

In our story today you will meet two sisters who
invited Jesus to their home. They both loved Him
and wanted to serve Him. Let's find out which
one chose the best way to serve her Lord.



Prayer

Dear Lord Jesus, as we study Your Word today, help us to be like Mary, eager to hear every word and happy to have this opportunity to learn more about You. We pray that You would open our hearts as Your Word is taught so that our faith will grow and be strengthened. Bless our study today. In Your name we pray. Amen

The Story

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."

**Outer Aim - Hearing God's Word
was the most important thing for
Mary.**



What the Story Tells Us - Discuss the following questions.

1. Was it wrong for Martha to spend time preparing a meal for her Lord? Why or why not?
2. Was it wrong for Martha to become angry at Mary for not helping her? Why or why not?
3. Do you think that Martha was surprised that Jesus didn't make Mary help her?
4. When do we sit at Jesus' feet and have a chance to hear and learn His Word?
5. What are some of the things that might keep us from gladly hearing Jesus' word?
6. Why is the study of God's Word more important than anything else?

What God's Word Tells Us - Cross out the wrong word in each sentence, and write the correct word on the line.

1. Jesus went to visit Mary and Martha who lived in Bethlehem. _____
2. When Jesus started teaching the Word of God, Mary sat and slept. _____
3. Martha didn't listen to Jesus because she was busy eating a meal. _____
4. Martha thought that Mary should be listening. _____
5. Jesus said, "Martha, there is only one thing that is very important, and that is my dinner." _____
6. Jesus said, "Mary has chosen the bad part which shall never be taken away from her." _____
7. It is hard for us to watch TV instead of reading and studying God's Word. _____
8. God wants us to sleep late or to go fishing on Sunday mornings rather than going to church. _____
9. God says that hearing His Word is less important than other things. _____
10. Through the Word of God the Holy Spirit works doubt in our hearts. _____

Your Turn - Use your Bibles to look up the following Bible verses and match them to the phrase that fits them best. Put the correct letter in the blank.

A. 1 Peter 2:2 B. 2 Timothy 3:15 - 16 C. Romans 10:17 D. Luke 11:28

_____ You will be happy if you hear the Word of God and also hold on to it.

_____ The Word of God creates faith in the hearts of hearers.

_____ The Bible is the word of God, not just the words of men.

_____ We should be hungry for the Word of God.

Some Things to Think About - We need to learn from Mary and make the right choices in our lives. Talk about what we should choose in each of these situations in order to be more like Mary.

1. My baseball team has a game tonight, but we also have a Lenten service at church. What should I do?
2. My favorite TV show is on tonight, but I still haven't learned my memory work for school (or Sunday school). What should I do?
3. My friend asked me to spend the night at his house on Saturday, but his/her family doesn't attend church. What should I do?
4. I like to sit with my friends in church, but sometimes we talk or write notes instead of listening to the sermon. What should I do?
5. I have a chance to go camping with my friend this summer, but it is the same week that VBS is scheduled. What should I do?

Inner Aim - Hearing God's Word is the most important thing for His people.

Passages

Luke 11:28 - Blessed are those who hear the word of God and keep it!

2 Timothy 3:15 - From childhood you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.

Romans 10:17 - So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

Hymn - TLH 366

Wilt thou find this one thing needful, Turn from all created things
Unto Jesus and be heedful of the blessed joy He brings.
For where God and Man both in one are united,
With God's perfect fulness the heart is delighted;
There, there is the worthiest lot and the best,
My One and my All, and my Joy and my Rest.

How were Mary's tho'ts devoted Her eternal joy to find
As intent each word she noted, At her Savior's feet reclined!
How kindled her heart, how devout was its feeling,
While hearing the lessons that Christ was revealing!
For Jesus all earthly concerns she forgot,
And all was repaid in that one happy lot.

Prayer

Lord Jesus, make us eager to serve You as Mary and Martha did. Forgive us for the times we have neglected to hear and learn Your Word as we should. Help us realize how important Your Word is, so that we will choose it above other things as Mary did. Send Your Holy Spirit to strengthen our faith through the hearing of Your Word so that we will always put You first in our lives. Make us faithful hearers of Your Word. Amen.