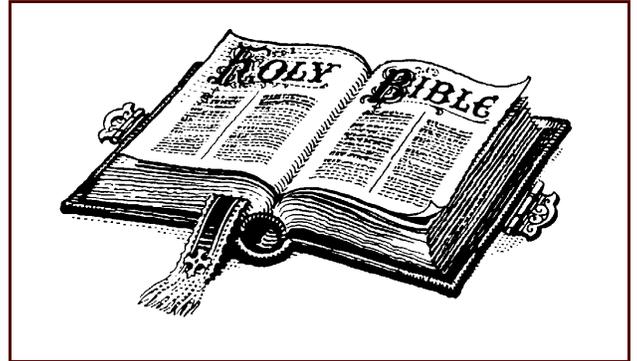


Mary & Martha

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. When do we sit at Jesus' feet and have a chance to hear and learn His Word?
4. What are some of the things that might keep us from gladly hearing Jesus' word?
5. 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 did not listen to Jesus' words 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.

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 #285

Discuss the words: *Book Divine, inspiration, doctrines, trod, grace, tedious night of life, eternal day*

How precious is the Book Divine,
By inspiration given!
Bright as a lamp its doctrines shine
To guide our souls to heav'n.

It shows to man his wand'ring ways
And where his feet have trod,
And brings to view the matchless grace
Of a forgiving God.

Its light, descending from above
Our gloomy world to cheer,
Displays a Savior's boundless love
And brings His glories near.

This lamp through all our tedious night
Of life shall guide our way
Till we behold the clearer light
Of an eternal day.

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.