

Mary and Martha

Luke 10:38–42

*But one thing is needful: and Mary hath chosen that good part,
which shall not be taken away from her.* Luke 10:42

Jesus went to the home of His friends Mary, Martha, and Lazarus. Mary sat at Jesus's feet to hear His teachings, while Martha prepared a meal. Martha wanted Mary to help with the work, so she said to Jesus, "Bid [Mary] therefore that she help me" (Luke 10:40; see also Luke 10:38–39).

Jesus understood how Martha felt, but He told her that Mary was wise in choosing to listen to Him. His teachings would stay with her always. (See Luke 10:41–42.)

Summary

When Jesus was at the home of some friends, one of them, Mary, sat and listened to His teachings, while her sister, Martha, prepared a meal.

Martha wanted Mary to help her, but Jesus explained that it was good for Mary to listen, since His teachings would stay with her always.

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