

Series: Encounters with Christ

Jesus and Mary and Martha

Luke 10:38-42 (NIV)

As Jesus and his disciples were on their way, he came to a village where a woman named Martha opened her home to him. ³⁹ She had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet listening to what he said. ⁴⁰ But Martha was distracted by all the preparations that had to be made. She came to him and asked, "Lord, don't you care that my sister has left me to do the work by myself? Tell her to help me!"

⁴¹ "Martha, Martha," the Lord answered, "you are worried and upset about many things, ⁴² but only one thing is needed. Mary has chosen what is better, and it will not be taken away from her."

1. SOME PEOPLE SEE ONLY THE PRACTICAL THINGS IN A RELATIONSHIP.

v. 40 "...But Martha was distracted by all the preparations that had to be made."

- There is a practical side to ministry.
- There are those who take care of the "non-spiritual" things to free up those with more spiritual assignments.
- God has gifted each one of us to be a part of the team.

1 Corinthians 12:19-22 (NLT)

What a strange thing a body would be if it had only one part! ²⁰ Yes, there are many parts, but only one body. ²¹ The eye can never say to the hand, "I don't need you." The head can't say to the feet, "I don't need you."

²² In fact, some of the parts that seem weakest and least important are really the most necessary.

2. SOME PEOPLE SEE THE SPIRITUAL THINGS OF LIFE.

v. 39 "She had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet listening to what he said."

- There are times we need to be taught.
- All of us need a spiritual mentor in our lives.
- We need sometimes to slow down and spend some time at the feet of Jesus.

Matthew 11:28-29 (NIV)

Come to me, all who are weary and heavy-laden, and I will give you rest. ²⁹ Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.

3. JESUS SEES DIRECTLY INTO OUR HEARTS.

v. 42a "but only one thing is needed. Mary has chosen what is better..."

- Jesus has the unique ability to know where our heart is.
- Jesus has the unique ability to know what our need is.
- Jesus has the unique ability to know when our time has come.

Luke 6:45 (CEV)

Good people do good things because of the good in their hearts. Bad people do bad things because of the evil in their hearts. Your words show what is in your heart.

There are many worthy pursuits in life, but none greater than spending time with Jesus.