

## Dinner with Jesus (Martha and Mary)

Luke 10:38-42 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." NIV84

## **Lessons:**

May we stop doing and just be with Jesus, listen to Him

In our doing, may we be with Jesus, in love, not distracted, worried, or upset about many things

John 7:37b-38 "Let anyone who is thirsty come to me and drink. Whoever believes in me, as Scripture has said, rivers of living water will flow from within them."

## For Further Thought and Contemplation

John 15:5 "I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing."

"In every generation, Christians have written on the balance of Mary and Martha in our lives. They all sound the same theme: the active life in the world for God can only properly flow from a life with God."—Peter Scazzero

You can only do His work when you are doing it with Him, not just for Him. -Rick Joyner

We begin our spiritual life by resting in the finished work of the Lord Jesus. That rest is the source of our strength for a consistent and unfaltering walk in the world. –Watchman Nee

People who work and minister without adequate restoration through prayer and meditation do not have the interior resources to manifest the fruit of the Spirit in a stress-filled world. It is during the quiet times of the devotional life that we gain the perspective and power we need to live with character and composure in the context of daily demands. "In repentance and rest you will be saved, in quietness and trust is your strength" (Isaiah 30:15). –Kenneth Boa

"God is not interested in what we can do for Him. He can do anything that He needs done! He doesn't want what we can do - He just wants us!" –Steve Mcvey

"Our significance doesn't come from what we do, but from what we are—children of the King of the universe" -John Hever

"There is not in the world a kind of life more sweet and delightful, than that of a continual conversation with God; those only can comprehend it who practice and experience it." — Brother Lawrence

"We ought not to be weary of doing little things for the love of God, who regards not the greatness of the work, but the love with which it is performed."
-Brother Lawrence

Matthew 7:21-23