



Meal with Martha and Mary

Lesson 5 • Luke 10:38-42

What's the hardest part of preparing a meal for special guests?

What Is the Big Idea of the Meal with Martha and Mary? Luke 10:38-42

SUBSTITUTING *serving the Lord for sitting at His feet will starve and ensnare your heart as His disciple.*

Setting for the Meal with Martha and Mary

"Now as they were traveling along, He entered a village, and a woman...welcomed Him into her home." (v. 38)

- A **FOLLOWING** disciple offering *kingdom hospitality* to her King. (9:1-5)
- A **FALTERING** disciple in need of *further instruction* by her Master. (9:51-19:27)

"a woman named Martha welcomed Him into her home"

- **WOMEN** are valued by Jesus and valuable to His mission. (e.g., 7:37-38, 44-50; 8:1-3)
- **SISTER** to her younger siblings: Mary and Lazarus. (10:38-42; John 1:1-445; 12:1-11)
- **MISTRESS** of "her home" – "*Martha*" means "*mistress*"
- **HOSTESS** who welcomes Jesus into her home as her honored guest.

Serving Is No Substitute for Sitting

1. LISTEN to MARTHA: **SERVING** *but Starving...and Doesn't Know It.* (v. 40)

- Much serving is no **SUBSTITUTE** for feeding on Christ.

Serving but Scolding

1. Martha keeps being **DISTRACTED** by much serving.
2. Martha is **DISGRUNTLED** with those who don't care enough to help her.

"and she came up to Him"

"and said, 'Lord'"

"are you not caring that this sister of mine has abandoned/forsaken me to do all the service alone?" Luke 12:53; 14:25-27

- Substituting service doesn't **SATISFY** our hunger for Christ and His Word.

2. LOOK at MARY: SITTING and Satisfied at the Feet of Jesus. (v. 39)

- **SEAT** yourself at the feet of Jesus as His fully devoted disciple.

"Mary, who was seated at the Lord's feet"

Where Do You Find Mary in the Bible? At Jesus' **FEET!** *Luke 10:39; John 11:32-33; 12:3*

- **SUBMIT** yourself to whatever the Lord says in His Word.

"listening to His word."

"Then a voice came out of the cloud, saying, "This is My Son, My Chosen One; LISTEN to HIM!" 9:35

What Will You Find at the Feet of Jesus?

1. **Submission** to realign.
2. **Stillness** to renew.
3. **Scriptures** to revive.
4. **Sympathy** to receive. *John 11:32-33*
5. **Sacrifice** to reflect. *John 12:3*
6. **Service** to return.
7. **Satisfaction** to refresh.

3. LEARN from JESUS: *Sitting to Serve* SATISFIES Without Starving. (vv. 41-42)

- The Lord's **SENSITIVITY** in caring.

"Martha! Martha! You are worried and bothered about so many things." (v. 41)

- The Lord's **AUTHORITY** to correct and commend.

"but only one thing is necessary, for Mary has chosen the good part, which shall not be taken away from her." (v. 42)

1. Correction: *Many things are good but only **ONE** thing is essential.*

Heart Posture of a Disciple

Sitting in submission at Jesus' feet whenever, wherever, and whatever you are doing!

2. Commendation: *Choose the **BEST** portion which will never be cut off from you.*

"He took portions to them from his own table, but Benjamin's portion was five times as much as any of theirs. So they feasted and drank freely with him." Genesis 43:34; Psalm 16:5; 73:26

"The LORD is my portion; I have promised to keep Your words." Psalm 119:57

Life Priority of a Disciple

Being a hearer and doer of the Spoken Word from the Living Word!

Luke 6:46-49; 8:8, 12-15, 18, 21; 10:16; 11:28, 31

Much Serving Is No Substitute for Sitting at Jesus' Feet to Feast on His Word with His Disciples.

"One thing only is essential, and Mary has chosen it—it's the main course, and won't be taken from her." MSG