

**CHOOSE THE
GOOD PART**

LUKE 10:38-42

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38 Now it came to pass, as they went, that he entered into a certain village: and a certain woman named Martha received him into her house.

39 And she had a sister called Mary, which also sat at Jesus' feet, and heard his word.

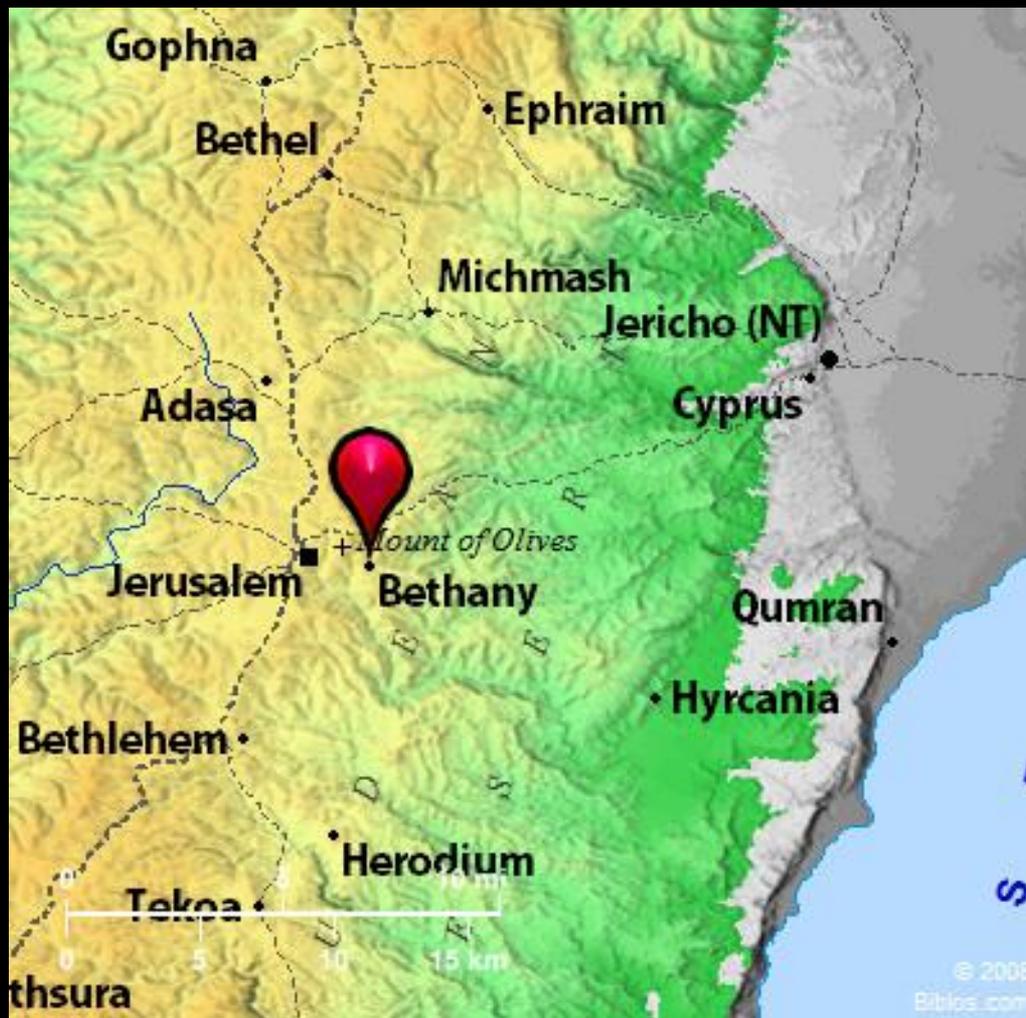
40 But Martha was cumbered about much serving, and came to him, and said, Lord, dost thou not care that my sister hath left me to serve alone? bid her therefore that she help me.

41 And Jesus answered and said unto her, Martha, Martha, thou art careful and troubled about many things:

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

Introduction

A. The Journeys of Jesus frequently took Him to Bethany



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B. The Experience in Bethany That Describes Us All



I. Mary Listening (v 39)

A. “Mary sat at Jesus’ feet, and heard his word”

1. The place of submission

Luke 8:41

And, behold, there came a man named Jairus, and he was a ruler of the synagogue: and he fell down at Jesus’ feet, and besought him that he would come into his house:

2. The place of devotion

John 12:3

Then took Mary a pound of ointment of spikenard, very costly, and anointed the feet of Jesus, and wiped his feet with her hair: and the house was filled with the odour of the ointment.

I. Mary Listening (v 39)

A. “Mary sat at Jesus’ feet, and heard his word” – cont’d

3. The place of peace

Luke 8:55

Then they went out to see what was done; and came to Jesus, and found the man, out of whom the devils were departed, sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed, and in his right mind: and they were afraid.

I. Mary Listening (v 39)

B. Mary is an example of Christian learning

Philippians 3:17

Brethren, be followers together of me, and mark them which walk so as ye have us for an ensample.

C. Mary is an example of Christian worship

John 4:24

God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.

D. Mary is an example of a Christian having devotion

John 12:21

The same came therefore to Philip, which was of Bethsaida of Galilee, and desired him, saying, Sir, we would see Jesus.

I. Mary Listening (v 39)

E. We must learn to sit at Jesus' feet and listen

1. It is wise to do it

Proverb 1:5

A wise man will hear, and will increase learning; and a man of understanding shall attain unto wise counsels:

2. It is beneficial to do it

Matthew 11:29

Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls.

John 15:5

I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing.

II. Martha Laboring (v 40)

A. “Martha was cumbered about much serving”

B. Beware of the burden of busyness

C. The good work that Martha was doing

Matthew 23:23

Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye pay tithe of mint and anise and cummin, and have omitted the weightier matters of the law, judgment, mercy, and faith: these ought ye to have done, and not to leave the other undone.

II. Martha Laboring (v 40)

D. See what work without worship did to Martha

- 1. It caused her to be upset**
- 2. It caused her to talk instead of listen**
- 3. It caused her to be critical of her sister**
- 4. It caused her to doubt the love of Christ**
- 5. It caused her to be discouraged**

Colossians 3:17

And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him.

III. The Master's Love (v 41-42)

A. "Martha, Martha" compared to other similar addresses

1. "Simon, Simon" when attacked by Satan

Luke 22:31

And the Lord said, Simon, Simon, behold, Satan hath desired to have you, that he may sift you as wheat:

2. "Saul, Saul," on the road to Damascus

Acts 9:4

And he fell to the earth, and heard a voice saying unto him, Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me?

III. The Master's Love (v 41-42)

B. "That art careful and troubled"

- 1. Christ looks within and sees the troubled heart**
- 2. He knows all about our cares**
- 3. We are to cast our cares on Him**

Psalm 54:23

Cast thy burden upon the LORD, and he shall sustain thee: he shall never suffer the righteous to be moved.

Philippians 4:6

6 Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.

7 And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

III. The Master's Love (v 41-42)

C. Martha's important omission

1. Worship is the one thing needful

Psalm 96:9

O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness: fear before him, all the earth.

2. Too often we leave out the most important thing

3. Labor must be balanced by listening to Jesus

Psalm 46:10a

Be still, and know that I am God:

Conclusion

“Mary hath chosen the good part”

Have You Chosen The Good Part?