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Luke's Gospel chapter 10, verses 38 to 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. She had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet listening to what he said. 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!' 'Martha, Martha,' the Lord answered, 'you are worried and upset about many things, but few things are needed - or indeed only one. Mary has chosen what is better, and it will not be taken away from her.'"

Dinner for with Jesus

A messenger knocks on MARTHA and MARY's door - JESUS is coming to your house today.

The two sisters get busy, sweeping the floors, getting chairs and tables out, and cooking food for Jesus and His disciples (that makes 13 extra people for DINNER!).

Jesus and His 12 disciples arrive and are made welcome by the sisters, who love and trust in Jesus, that He is God's Son, the Saviour of the World.

Jesus sits down to talk with the family, and MARY sits at His feet, to listen and learn (that was how people learned things in those days). She wants to know more about Jesus, and God the Father, how our sins can be forgiven and how we become part of God's heavenly family.

But where is MARTHA? She'd like to sit down, but "There is so much to do!" she thinks as she buzzes around fetching food. "Jesus" she says "tell MARY to get up and help me!"

Jesus tells her gently "MARTHA, Martha, only ONE THING is really necessary, and MARY has chosen that". Better to sit and listen to Jesus than to fuss about DINNER. Dinner is good, but listening is better. I expect they all, including Jesus, helped serve and clean up later, but as we say "First things first!"

Now we can't sit at Jesus' feet and listen to Him like Mary did, for He is in heaven. But He has given us His words in the BIBLE. It is there that we "can sit at Jesus' feet".

BE LIKE MARY :)

