

Bible Story 48: JESUS VISITS MARY AND MARTHA

SCRIPTURE: Luke 10:38-42

MEMORY VERSE: 1 Peter 5:7 or Matthew 6:33

BIBLE STORY:

Some very good friends of Jesus were Mary, her sister Martha and their brother Lazarus. They lived in Bethany, a town about two miles from Jerusalem.

One day Jesus visited their home.

Mary sat at the feet of Jesus, listening to His teachings.

What was Martha doing? She was very busy doing all the work in the house. She was preparing for Jesus' visit. Martha became upset, because her sister Mary did not help her. So Martha went to Jesus and asked, ***"Are You not concerned that my sister has left all the work with me? Tell my sister to come and help me!"***

Jesus replied, ***"Oh Martha, Martha. You are very worried about many things, all the work and preparations in the house. Look. Mary has chosen the best thing to do. She has chosen to be sitting at My feet and listening to My teachings."***

Jesus explained to Martha that He would not always be with them.

PART 1: PERSONAL QUESTIONS

1. What did you learn from the story?

2. How can you apply this story to your life?

PART 2: GENERIC QUESTIONS

1. What do you like about the story?
2. What is there in the story that you do not understand?
3. Who are the main people in the story?
4. What problems did the people face?
5. How did the people face their problems?
6. How have you faced similar problems?
7. Is there someone in the story who is similar to you or who is different from you?
8. What does the story tell about God?

PART 3: SPECIFIC QUESTIONS

1. Who did Jesus visit?
2. Is it important to develop friendships? Why?
--- What kind of friendships should you make?
--- What are some ways that can help you develop friendships?
3. What did Martha do when Jesus visited her home?
--- What did Mary do?
4. What did Martha ask Jesus to do about her sister?
5. What did Jesus say to Martha?
6. What are some ways you can make time to be with Jesus?
7. Who are some people you can talk to when you become upset about something?
8. Will God listen to you when you are upset?
--- Take time now to pray to God about your concerns or about things that are upsetting you.