

ONE THING IS NECESSARY

Talk It Over

This week we turn to the story of the visit of Jesus to Mary & Martha in Luke's gospel. It speaks to us about our priorities and perhaps about what really matters most in this time.

Read Luke 10:38-42 (TPT)

38–39 As Jesus and the disciples continued on their journey, they came to a village where a woman welcomed Jesus into her home. Her name was Martha and she had a sister named Mary. Mary sat down attentively before the Master, absorbing every revelation he shared. **40** But Martha became exasperated by finishing the numerous household chores in preparation for her guests, so she interrupted Jesus and said, "Lord, don't you think it's unfair that my sister left me to do all the work by myself? You should tell her to get up and help me."

41 The Lord answered her, "Martha, my beloved Martha. Why are you upset and troubled, pulled away by all these many distractions? Are they really that important? **42** **Mary has discovered the one thing most important by choosing to sit at my feet. She is undistracted, and I won't take this privilege from her.**"

1. What has been the most difficult thing about self isolation? What do you miss most?
2. Thinking about priorities, what have you realised matters most in this time? Do you have anything to learn from Mary in this story?

Read Luke 7:36-50

3. During this Global Crisis, what sort of questions come from this story? How do you feel about this act of extravagant love? Mary came to a life changing moment, where her relationship with Jesus was more important than forward planning, reputation or savings. Does anything in your life matter more than the worship of Jesus?

Reflect

4. Is God saying something to you about how the future should look? Do you think God wants this to be an opportunity to reset our priorities, the priorities of the world? What do you think are, and should be the priorities of the Church?

Pray

Ask God to help you give your best time to him. When and how will you sit at Jesus' feet? How will you love extravagantly?

Other Suggested Readings:

Luke 10:25-37

Philippians 4:19