

Script – Jesus Visits Mary and Martha

Narrator: Everywhere Jesus went, people were eager to see Him and to talk to Him. Some people asked hard questions about the law. Others wanted to know about God. Jesus and His disciples traveled to many cities. On the way, He taught them many things God wanted them to know. Sometimes Jesus liked to walk alone and to think about what God wanted Him to do. One day, Jesus walked into the little hill town of Bethany, which wasn't far from Jerusalem. Quickly He walked to the house of His friends, Mary and Martha.

Jesus: [to himself] It will be good to have a quiet visit.

Martha: [excited] Jesus! How good to see you again!

Mary: [coming behind Martha] I am so glad that you have come!

Martha: You must be tired and hungry. Sit down and I will fix you some food.

Jesus: Thank you Martha.

Narrator: He looked around at the clean, pleasant little house. Martha was a fine housekeeper and a good cook too.

Mary: [sits down next to Jesus]

Martha: [getting ready to cook, to herself] I must make some fresh bread.

Narrator: Quickly, she put sticks and charcoal into the little oven and made a fire.

Martha: [to herself] Soon it will be hot enough to bake.

Narrator: She took out the flour that Mary has ground that morning. She put some into a bowl and mixed it with other ingredients. When it was just right, she rolled and patted the dough into small flat rolls. Martha heard Jesus and Mary talking as she held her hand above the oven to see if it was hot. When it was ready, she carefully patted the rolls on the inside cover of the oven. She then hurried to prepare other food for the meal. She then cut some vegetables for some stew. Martha turned and looked at Jesus and Mary as they talked together.

Martha: [to herself] I wish I could talk with Him too.

Narrator: Mary asked Jesus questions about God and carefully listened to all that He told her.

Mary: [to herself] There is so much to learn, and Jesus is a great Teacher.

Narrator: Martha arranged some dates on a plate. She stirred the stew. She wanted everything to be just right.

Martha: [out loud] There is so much to do. Mary is enjoying talking to Jesus, while I'm doing all of the work!

Martha: [wiping her hands and going to Jesus] Lord, don't you care that I have to do all of this work by myself? Mary is just sitting here. Make her come and help.

Jesus: [very kindly] Martha, Martha. You are a good housekeeper and cook, but you worry too much about these things.

Martha: [surprised, then to herself] Doesn't He appreciate what I'm doing for Him?

Narrator: Jesus knew that Martha had worked very hard and wanted to fix a big meal to show her love for Him.

Jesus: [lovingly] I appreciate your hard work, but learning about God is more important than fixing a fancy meal. Mary has chosen to learn about God. Your meal will be eaten soon and be gone, but what Mary learns will stay with her always.

Martha: [slowly nodding her head]

The End