



("MARTHA AND MARY" donated by Peter and Harold Anderson from Salemsborg Lutheran Parish, Lindsborg, KS)

Luke 10: 40

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 all the work by myself? Tell her to help me!"



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Martha and Mary, a fascinating pair, were alike in one vital aspect

Although very different, both loved the Lord, which their actions did clearly reflect

That Jesus stopped regularly in their home, signaled Him to be a close friend

A frequent stop for Christ in His travels; a much welcomed hub at journey's end.

Martha was a noble and godly woman, possessing a true servant's heart

A fastidious hostess, who desired to work; traits that set her apart

Mary, in contrast, understood the great value of learning at the Master's feet

Truly a worshiper of her Lord considered gaining wisdom a treat.

Conflict arose between the two sisters, when Jesus brought more than one guest

Leaving Martha in the kitchen, Mary sat at Christ's feet, creating the ultimate test

Totally overwhelmed, Martha asked the Lord, why it was He did not care

That as her sister, Mary's first obligation was definitely the meal to prepare.

Jesus brought Martha back into balance with an ever so gentle reprimand

That Mary's priorities were in proper order, a fact Martha needed to understand

Service must be done under the Master's direction and all according to His will

But unless one first chooses to listen, Christ's mission we will not fulfill.