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THE GOSPEL OF

LUKE

That you may have certainty!

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You're Invited to

The Dinner Party

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**PROPER
PERSPECTIVE**

MARY & MARTHA

Luke 10:38-42

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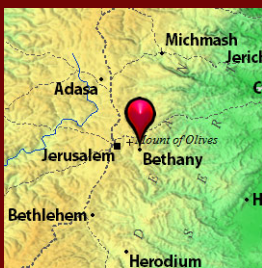
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Luke doesn't identify the locale.
What does that tell you?

That suggest that the event is
more important than the place.

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Who are Martha & Mary, what
do you know about them?

1. Sisters of Lazarus (John 11:2)
2. Close friends, loved by Jesus (John 11:3)
3. Mary anointed Jesus' feet with expensive perfume in her home in Bethany. (John 12:3)
4. Mary was not the sinful woman who anointed Jesus' feet at the Pharisees' house in Galilee. (Luke 7)

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What does this tell
you about Jesus'
ministry?

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What did Mary do while Martha attended to household tasks and served others?

What was unusual about what Mary did?

The Samaritan's response in the previous account was unusual too.

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What had Martha so distracted?

How easy was it for Mary to concentrate on Jesus' words while slaving away alone preparing the meal?

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How would you describe
Martha's mood?

What was Martha so
indignant about?

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Do you see anything ironic
about Martha's perspective?

She is diligently working to
serve Him, but she is
too busy for Him.

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Take note of Jesus' tender response to Martha.

Some might say this has a pejorative tone from Jesus.

In Greek, a double vocative like this is a sign of emotion.

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What word would you use to describe Martha at that moment?

In her focus on things, she is forgetting the most important person, and the circumstances are **overwhelming** her.

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What does Jesus mean when He says, "One thing is necessary"?

A major feature of discipleship is **choosing** to order one's affairs properly.

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"Service of the hand cannot supersede service with the ear, since the ear guides the heart and the hand."

Darrell Bock, BECNT

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What does this final phrase in the passage mean?

The disciple who reflects on Jesus' teaching receives a meal that is never removed.

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DELIBERATE DISCIPLESHIP

- Serving the Lord and others is an essential part of a disciple's life, but we cannot be so distracted by service that we ignore God.
- "*Serve the Lord with gladness*" (Psalm 100:2) but be careful that your service for Christ doesn't keep you from being with Him.
- The worries of life should never prevent us from consuming God's Word. A disciple should never be too busy to sit at Jesus' feet.
- Time spent with Him in **prayer, worship, and Bible study** equips us to love Him and serve Him more effectively.

Which of these areas needs more focus and attention in your life in the coming week?

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