

APRIL 22

**“MARTHA SAID TO JESUS,
‘COME BE WITH ME.’ MARY SAID,
‘I WANT TO BE WITH JESUS.’ ”**

READ

Luke 10:38-42

Like Martha, we can all be troubled and worried about many things. She was the oldest, so the task of hospitality fell to her. She wanted to be sure all the guests were well taken care of. She felt the burden. We are all troubled at times, it's a part of life, and we can never get away from it. The most spiritual people in the Bible had troubles — Paul, even Jesus! When we get frustrated, we look for somebody to take it out on like Martha did, and it's usually those closest to us. Jesus didn't say that if you sit at His feet you would never have any worries or troubles. He did tell Martha that Mary had chosen the “better” way by sitting at His feet. The troubles and cares will still be there after you've spent time with Jesus, but they won't seem as massive or as worrisome as before. We all have troubles, but we can put our faith in the Lord. He has already taken care of them all on the cross.

PRAY

Lord, remind me that trouble is not always a result of sin — trouble is a result of being alive and breathing in this fallen world. I want to choose the better way. I need to come away from this hectic world and sit at Your feet. There I will find peace.

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