Jesus with Martha & Mary



Background

- 2 sisters & brother (Lazarus)
- Lived in Bethany
- All probably single
- Probably comfortably off
- Respected in their community
- Personally known by Jesus
- They all loved Jesus
- Jesus goes to Bethany several times



3 personal stories in the Gospels

The family entertain Jesus

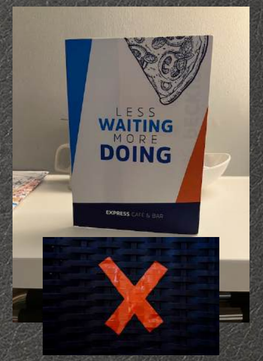
Jesus raises Lazarus from the dead

Mary anoints Jesus with perfume

What this story shows us

1. Jesus is not saying that serving doesn't matter
2. But … Martha was distracted, worried & upset
3. "Mary has chosen what is better"
4. What God desires most is our time







But when you pray, go into your room, close the door and pray to your Father, who is unseen.
Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you (Matthew 6:6)