

'JUSTICE AND SPIRITUALITY' - HOMILY 17 JULY 2016

Today's Gospel tells the story of Martha welcoming Jesus into her home, but later complaining about her sister Mary.

There are many ways of opening our hearts to God as we reflect on it.

- Where do we find both Martha and Mary in each of us?
- Where do we find both Martha and Mary in our local community?
- As a disciple is one who sits at the feet of the teacher and learns from the teacher, this story presents Mary as a disciple of Jesus.

Mary has understood this.

We ask ourselves today, how do we promote the discipleship of women and men?

- It is Martha who complains. Jesus doesn't speak against service and hospitality. He challenges Martha's attitude.
- How does God challenge us today?
- The context of today's Gospel. Jesus is on the final road to Jerusalem.

There is an urgency to the reading.

It comes after the parable of the Good Samaritan and before Jesus teaches the Lord's Prayer.

The **three** events provide a wonderful insight into **justice** and **service** and **spirituality** in the world.

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