

**Chinese Grace Bible Church
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What is Jesus' invitation to you through this story? What might He be asking of you as you see yourself in Mary and Martha's shoes? What do you learn about Jesus through this story? What ways could this truth impact how you live your life?

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