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 38 Now it came to pass, as they went, that he entered   
   
 into a certain village: and a certain woman: named   
 m john 3.1: ™ Martha received him into her house. 9 And she had a   
 nioxeviiss sister called Mary, "which also sat at i Jesus’ feet, and   
 heard his word. “ But Martha was cumbered about much   
 serving, and came to him, and said, Lord, dost thou not   
 care that my sister hath left me to serve alone? bid her   
 therefore that she help me. 4! And Jesus answered and   
 said unto her, Martha, Martha, thou art careful and   
 troubled about many things: 4? but one thing is needful :   
   
   
 J read, with many ancient authorities, Lord’s.   
   
 and clothe us: Gal. 21 (Trench remarks inserted it, throw: on it from what   
 that the Church, by joining the passage we know from other sources. And I   
 Gal. iii. as Epistle, with this believe most readers will agree with me   
 ble as Gospel for the 18th Sunday after in taking these for the of Lazarus,   
 Trinity, has stam this interpretation and the village for 38.) as   
 with her approval):—in the good Sama- they went need make no difficulty—the   
 ritan, Him of whom it was lately whole of the events related this section   
 “Say we not well that thou art a Samari- of the ond ee are allotted, in the in the   
 tam, and hast a devil?” (John viii. triumphal entry into Jerusalem ;—see note   
 who came to bind up the broken-hearted, on ch. ix. 51 ff. Jesus, as we know that   
 to give them the oil of joy for mourning He afterwards did, so now probably, when   
 (Isa. Ixi. ff.) for our sakes be- at Jerusalem (at the feast of Dedication),   
 came poor, that we through His abode at Bethany. He ‘loved’—(only   
 night become rich: who, though now gone this in this sense by John —! regard to   
 from us, has left us precious and ier and rus—and this word implies   
 charged His ministers to feed His lambe, surely hospitality intercourse.   
 promising them, when the chief Shepherd @ certain woman] It does not follow that   
 shall appear, crown of glory that fadeth Martha was a wi 3; the incident   
 not away (1 Pet. 2,4). Further perbaps out the two sisters, and therefore no   
 it is not to go if we do, only in others are mentioned. She may have had   
 our own private meditations, where, we a husband or a father living. At all   
 have the great to such interpretations, it is a consistency i to   
 knowledge of Christ for ourselves, and real life, that we find the same person   
 a sound mind under the guidance of His prominent in the family in John, here.   
 Spirit,—we shall not go far wrong. But 89.] It- does not appear that the   
 minutely to is to the sound meal had begua; far rather is it likely   
 Mary. interpretation could be doubted that Martha was busy about preparing it.   
 .who this Martha and M: the way nor Mary sat at the feet, His disciple,   
 many, this might otherwise that it. while He was discoursing. 4, 43.)   
 of our critics. NTERTAINMENT them OUB The repetition of her name indicates re-   
 to be the sisters of oF MagTHA another proof. thou art careful (it the same   
 Martha and Mary Ariel else ;—and word as that in Matt. vi. &c., and there   
 this in spite of the deep chological rendered “to take anzious thought”’)   
 identity of characters which ‘meots us in expresses the inner anxiety :— troubled,   
 Jobn xi. xii. Greswell, still the outer bustle and confusion. one   
 strangely, believes the persons to be the thing] Perhaps we should not express the   
 same, but that they had axother residence two words more definitely, for fear of   
 in Galilee. I shall, elsewhere, take the narrowing the wide sense in which   
 text in its obvious and simple inter- are spoken. I cen hardly doubt that our   
 pretation, and where nothing definite is Lord, in the first most obviows mean-   
 ing indicated that simpler Preparation   
 would have been all that il,   
 the many leads to the and that to the