

Blessed Are the Narcissists

Luke 10:38-42:

Now as they went on their way, he entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying. But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me." But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her."

Martha was absolutely right. Jesus was absolutely wrong. What a sexist, patronizing, condescending, arrogant, narcissistic response by Jesus! Did Jesus ever have to do mundane chores during his ministry? There's no suggestion of it in the synoptic gospels. Wherever he and his disciples went, he relied on the kindness of strangers to provide food and shelter. He demanded that his disciples do the same thing, instructing them to not worry about food and shelter. That's supposed to be some kind of great virtue? Pope poop. It is irresponsible, lazy, and childish. Somebody has to take care of the cooking, cleaning, and other household chores. Jesus apparently felt he was above all that. He was too good to be bothered with the mundane in life. Martha should have slapped Jesus' face, demanded he turn the other cheek, and kicked him out of the house. She should have told Mary to return when she was ready to get back to work.

Christians tell us that Jesus was fully human and fully divine simultaneously. Really? More pope poop. That's like saying onions are fully fruit and fully dairy. Being fully human means getting up at the alarm every morning, working your ass off all day, going home to take care of the kids, going to bed late, exhausted, and doing it all over again. Day after day, week after week. Jesus didn't take care of himself. Being self-sufficient is what is virtuous and noble.

So let's stop pretending Jesus was some paragon of virtue and righteous conduct. He was not a good example for others, and he dished out a lot of unsolicited bad advice. People who insist on living a lie and basing their entire life on fairy tale and delusion really need to get a large dose of reality and snap out of it. That's where I come in. You're welcome.