

LUKE 10:38-42

3 Considerations Of Spiritual Opportunities



BACKGROUND / CONTEXT

Author: Disciple/physician Luke (written AD 58-62)

Audience: Written primarily to Greek audience; also “Theophilus”

Purpose: Luke wrote to give an explanation and defense of the Christian faith. He showed Jesus is the Perfect, Son of Man who came to save all

Setting: Jesus and Disciples have traveled to Bethany (2 miles E. of Jerusalem); they stop to visit in the home of Mary, Martha, and Lazarus

THEY OFTEN SEEM TO COME SUDDENLY (FROM OUR PERSPECTIVE)

(v. 38) Jesus and Disciples stop to visit in Bethany; no indication Mary, Martha and Lazarus knew they coming (at least 16 people!)

In Bible times hospitality customs very important, especially to Rabbis

This was sudden to the family, but was a divine appointment from Jesus
Believers and churches are to be on the look out for “Jesus in the house”

Luke 12:40, “Therefore you also be ready for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.”

2 Peter 3:10, “But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night..”



THEY CAN BE MISSED

(vv. 39-40) Luke explained; there different reactions to Jesus' arrival

Mary: sat at Jesus' feet (continually listening to His word)

Martha: overwhelmed with busyness (distracted, frustrated)

Martha's reaction, not evil, but she missed the priority of relating to Jesus

Question of priorities and how important listening to Jesus is

Prov. 27:1, “Do not boast about tomorrow, for you do not know what a day may bring forth.”

2 Cors. 6:2, “Behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation.”



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THEY ARE EXTREMELY URGENT

(vv. 41-42) Jesus responded quickly to Martha; He cared for her greatly

It wasn't that Martha was doing something wrong in and of itself

Martha's worry and work caused her to pull away from Jesus and His way

Jesus elaborated on Mary's reaction; one thing is needed, chose the good part, and what she chose will not be taken away from her

Do we make plans and tell God what we are going to do and then ask Him to bless them; or do we seek His way first and then go work?

John 5:17, “But Jesus answered them, ‘My Father has been working until now, and I have been working.’”

Rev. Chapters 2-3; (7 times) “He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.”

