

THE VISIT

INTRO:

Opening.....(I'll say some things....then when I get to the first time guess you can show the graphic).

If you are a first time guest this morning here or online.....[Text TBCMP to 94-000]

In the student ministry world, today is usually known as National Student Pastor Sunday. I always thought that was an urban legend, but here we are.

First time guest, don't worry, it gets much better than this, just come back next Sunday when Pastor Chris is back.

Let' Pray

Can you remember the last time you had a surprise visit from someone that you weren't expecting or haven't seen a while?

I remember sometime last year....and our house was not in order.

To me there's nothing better than a good visit from someone you love or care about. And it doesn't matter when this visit takes place, or if the house is in order, because that's not as important as the visitor & just being able to hang out.

This morning, we're going to look at one of those visits.

This is a story we've all heard & know.

BIBLE: The message "The Visit" (Here is when you can use "The Visit" graphic)

> Our Passage This Morning Will Be Out Of Luke 10:38-42

> So, if you have your Bibles join me or you can look at the screen.

Jesus just spent time teaching throughout Galilee & Jerusalem and decided to visit his good friends, they were more like family, and as we see, even acted like it.

This morning I want to share 3 observations that I drew from this passage.

The Exchange

Notice the exchange here:

- Martha has a sister, named Mary, who decides to sit at the feet of Jesus, and take in everything that He is saying.
- But Martha, she was too busy serving.....which isn't a bad thing.
- And she goes to Jesus and says, "don't you care that my sister just left me alone.....will you tell her to help me".

A) Let's take a look at Martha

- > She was more & likely the older sister.
- > She was welcoming & she cared about serving her guest. (John 12)

B) Now let's look at Mary

- > Let's read **verse 39**
- > If we were to stop there, you would think that Mary may be a little lazy, leaving it for Martha to do.
- > But what we see is, Mary was more concerned about listening to her Savior!

HOOK:

- > I would be the first to admit, a lot of times I don't always sit at the feet of Jesus like I should.
- > For me it's easy to be like Martha, especially when I let the busyness of life, and ministry come first.

You know what I'm talking about, before we know it,
we can't remember the last time,
we sat at the feet of Jesus.

The Reminder

Jesus gives Martha a reminder, but it's one for us as well.

- Look at how Jesus' responded in **verse 41**

**I don't know if that made a lasting impression or not,
but I would like to think it did.**

In a world filled with so many distractions, the story of Martha and Mary can help us reevaluate our own life.....Every now & then we have to do that, and that's ok.

- I don't think Mary ever missed a lot opportunities to worship Jesus when He came around.
- > Let's look at an account in John. Same family but different event. **John 12:1-3**.
- > John emphasizes here that Mary was so humble, committed, and dedicated to Jesus and His teachings that no expense or personal act was too great or demanding for her to honor Him.

THIS attitude, outlook, and perspective is the kind of approach God desires in all of us.

- Martha's motives & intentions were not bad, they were commendable, but they weren't as important when you compare it with other priorities in that moment.....Here, you have **God in the flesh, the king of Kings, and lord of Lords**....and nothing compares to that or should come before that.....**and Mary knew it!**

The Point

Jesus tells Martha, you've missed the point of this visit.

- Let's look at verse **Luke 10:42** again.
- > Jesus didn't come to eat.....**verse 39**: It says, He came in teaching.
- You see, Mary made a decision between 2 priorities, and she choose to listen to Jesus over stuff.
- > Do you find yourself anxious & troubled? (**verse 41**)
- > When I do, a good question to ask is....when was the last time I chose the good portion and sat at His feet?

**When Jesus walks into your life & visits.
It doesn't get better than that!**

APPLICATION: Is Very Simply.....Is your distraction greater than your devotion.

- For Mary, here was the Word of God in their presence, in the person of Jesus Christ!

And the VISIT was more important than the stuff!

CLOSING: - Call Jared back up