

# John 11:30

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Now Jesus was not yet come into the town, but was in that place where Martha met him.

## Analysis

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John clarifies that Jesus had not yet entered the village but remained where Martha met Him. This geographical detail explains the narrative sequence and maintains historical precision. Jesus' position outside the village may reflect deliberate choice—controlling the encounter's setting and timing. It also allows Martha and Mary private audience before the crowd arrives. This detail demonstrates John's eyewitness accuracy and Christ's intentional movement through these events.

## Historical Context

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The location outside the village where Martha met Jesus suggests a customary meeting place or spot visible from the house, allowing Martha to see His approach.

## Related Passages

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**Hebrews 11:1** — Definition of faith

**James 2:17** — Faith and works

## Study Questions

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1. How do small geographical details confirm the Gospel's eyewitness nature?
2. What does Jesus' controlled movement teach about sovereignty in ministry?

3. In what ways does Christ create space for private encounter before public ministry?

## Interlinear Text

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οὕπω δὲ ἐληλύθει ὁ Ἰησοῦς εἰς τὴν κώμην ἀλλ' ἦν  
not yet Now come G3588 Jesus into G3588 the town but was  
G3768 G1161 G2064 G2424 G1519 G2968 G235 G2258

ἐν τῷ τόπῳ ὅπου ὑπήντησεν αὐτῷ ἡ Μάρθα  
in G3588 that place where met him G3588 Martha  
G1722 G5117 G3699 G5221 G846 G3136

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