

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

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

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

Hebrews 11:1 — Definition of faith

James 2:17 — Faith and works

Study Questions

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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| οὐπω | 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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