

**IF JESUS CAME TO YOUR HOUSE?
(Luke 10:38-42)**

Introduction:

1. When I was a boy, we sometimes had the preacher for Sunday dinner.
 - a. Saturday was spent scrubbing, cleaning, and cooking.
 - b. We children were expected to be on our best behavior.
2. What if Jesus were to visit your home?
 - a. Would He be welcome?
 - b. What changes would you make in your normal routine?
 - c. Would He be comfortable with your conversation, what you read and what you watch on TV?
 - d. Would He be pleased with the way you treat your family members?
3. A popular plaque says: "Christ is the Head of this house, a Guest at every meal, a silent Listener to every conversation."
4. Jesus was a frequent guest in homes when He was on the earth.

Discussion:

- I. JESUS WAS A GUEST IN THE HOME OF PETER (Mark 1:29-31).
 - A. He had spent the sabbath in the synagogue teaching and healing.
 1. Peter's wife's mother was sick with a high fever (Luke 4:38).
 2. Jesus healed her and she arose and served them.
 - B. How blessed are the sick who have Jesus in their lives!
 1. The age of miraculous healing is past, but the Lord hears our prayers (James 5:14,15).
 2. The Psalmist wrote: "Before I was afflicted, I went astray, but now I keep your word" (Psa. 119:67).
- II. JESUS WAS A GUEST IN THE HOME OF JAIRUS (Mark 5:21-43).
 - A. Jairus, a ruler of the synagogue, came to Jesus.
 1. He begged him to come to heal his dying daughter.
 2. He had great faith: "Come and lay your hands on her that she may be healed, and she will live."

B. A woman who had had a flow of blood for 12 years met Jesus.

- 1. “She had suffered many things from many physicians. She had spent all and was no better, but rather grew worse.”**
- 2. She said, “If I may only touch Him, I shall be made well.”**
- 3. Jesus said: “Daughter, your faith has made you well. Go in peace and be healed of your affliction.”**

C. Before Jesus arrived, the news came, “The child is dead.”

- 1. Jesus told Jairus, Do not be afraid; only believe.”**
- 2. When we are faced with calamity or death, we need to remember these words of Jesus.**
- 3. At the house Jesus said, “She is not dead, but sleeping.”**
 - a. The mourners ridiculed Him.**
 - b. For Christians, death is only a sleep (1 Thess. 4:13).**
- 4. Jesus said, “Little girl, I say to you, arise;” immediately she arose.**
- 5. One day the dead will hear His voice and arise (Jn. 5:28,29).**

III. JESUS WAS A GUEST IN THE HOME OF MARTHA (Luke 10:38-42).

A. Mary, Martha, and Lazarus were special friends of Jesus (Jn. 11).

- 1. Mary “sat at Jesus’ feet and heard His word.”**
- 2. Martha was “distracted with much serving.”**

B. Martha appealed to Jesus to get Mary to help her.

- 1. “Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Therefore tell her to help me.”**
- 2. Jesus replied, “Martha, Martha, you are worried and troubled about many things, but one thing is needed, and Mary has chosen that good part which will not be taken away from her.”**

C. Listening to Jesus is more important than sports, hospitality, entertainment, or even our jobs.

IV. JESUS WAS A GUEST IN THE HOME OF A PHARISEE (Luke 7:36-50).

A. Simon invited Jesus, but did not show common courtesy to Him.

- 1. A guest was greeted with a kiss; his feet were washed and his head anointed.**

2. Simon had neglected to do any of these for Jesus.
- B. While they were eating, a woman brought a flask of fragrant oil.**
1. She washed Jesus' feet with her tears and dried them with her hair.
 2. She kissed his feet and anointed them with the fragrant oil.
 3. Simon thought: "If this man were a prophet, He would know she is a sinner."
- C. Jesus told of two debtors; one owed 500 denarii; the other 50.**
1. The creditor forgave both.
 2. Jesus asked Simon, "Which one will love him more?"
 3. Simon replied, "The one whom he forgave the more."
 4. Jesus replied: "You did not wash My feet, but she has washed them with her tears; you gave Me no kiss but she has repeatedly kissed My feet; you did not anoint My head with oil, but she has anointed My feet with fragrant oil."
 5. Jesus said to Simon: "Her sins which are many are forgiven for she loved much. But to whom little is forgiven, the same loves little."
 6. He said to the woman, "Your sins are forgiven."
- V. JESUS WAS A GUEST IN THE HOME OF A TAX COLLECTOR (Luke 19:1-10).**
- A. Jews hated tax collectors for they worked for Rome.**
- B. Zacchaeus heard Jesus was coming and wanted to see Him.**
1. He was a short man who could not see over the crowd.
 2. He climbed a sycamore tree to get a good look.
- C. Jesus called him by name and invited Himself to Zacchaeus' house.**
1. Zacchaeus received Jesus joyfully, but the crowds criticized.
 2. Zaccchaeus repented of his greed and promised to do better.
 3. Jesus said, "Today, salvation has come to this house, because he also is a son of Abraham."

Conclusion:

1. Jesus brought a blessing to each home He visited.
2. Jesus will be a blessing to our homes today if we will invite Him.
3. Salvation is for anyone who accepts Jesus' invitation (Mt. 11:28-30).