

# The Good Samaritan

(Lk. 10:25-37)

# Background

21: wise don't get it

25-29 illustrates

25: lawyer ... teacher of Mosaic Law

1. Tested Him: test, try, tempt...

2. Teacher: word of honor

3. Inherit: Mt.25:34

4. Eternal life: admirable. 18:18, 22

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You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength – Dt.6:5

You shall not take vengeance, nor bear any grudge against the children of your people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: *I am the Lord* – Lv.19:18

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## LOVE

- 1) God with all heart (phylacteries)
- 2) neighbor as self (= Mt.7:12)

# Background

28: Jesus commends answer; urges obedience; promises life.

- “This do”

29: justify – Lk.16:14-15 (self) ... 7:29 (God)

- Jew: NO Gentile is a neighbor.
- Pharisee: no non-Pharisee...
- Essene: hated all sons of darkness (Mt.5:43; Jn.7:49).

Who is my neighbor?

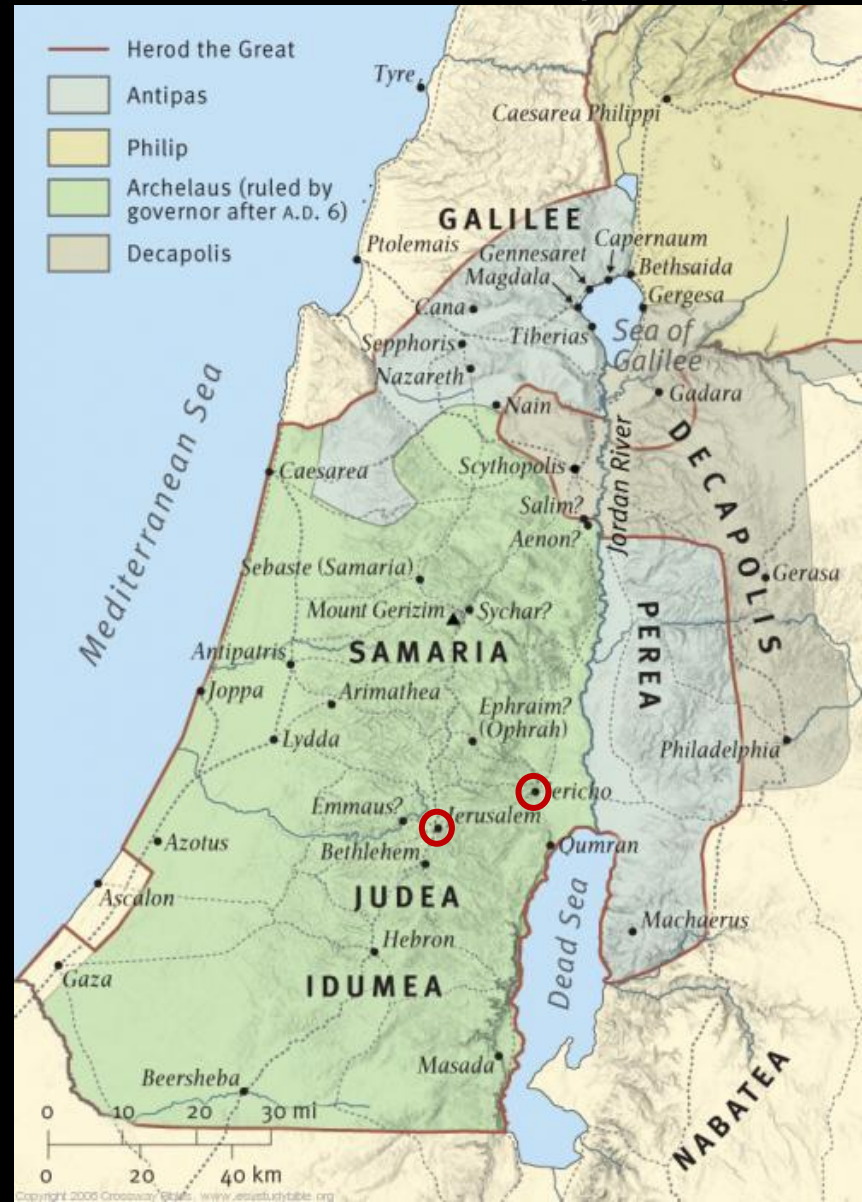
# I. The Parable

(He relates a story)

# 30: victim

## Traveler from Jerusalem to Jericho (17m.)

- Many caves
- Safe haven
- “Robbers”
- “A man”



# 31: priest

Right place ... time

- Passed by on other side
- Excuses?

I'm no doctor

I'm in danger, too

If he dies, defiles me

If I were lying there,  
no one would help  
me



# 32: Levite

## Another religious man

- Teacher of the Law
- Did he teach Mic.6:8?

He has shown you, O man, what is good; And what does the Lord require of you But to do justly, To love mercy, And to walk humbly with your God?

- Who could expect him to do what priest had avoided?
- Poor victim was slighted by those he thought were pious friends.

# 33: Samaritan

Origin: 2 K.17:24

- Gentiles intermarried with Israelites in Samaria; half-breeds (Hebrews + Gentiles)
- 2 K.17:25-29: God + idolatry
  - Opportunists . . . Outsiders
- Ezr.4:10, Osnapper sent Assyrian colonists to Samaria; “Samaritans” –
  - Lk.9:....53 [17:16-18] Jn.4:4-9 / 8:48
- “Compassion” – 7:13. Gn.43:26-30

34: first aid on road, care at inn

- Spent time / money on total stranger
- Oil, Is.1:6. . . . Fermented wine

35: Two denarii: two days wages

- “I” is emphatic
- Does not abandon him at inn

36: the question: who was “neighbor”?

- NOT: who is my neighbor? (29)
- BUT: am I a neighbor?

37: he would not say “Samaritan”

- “Go and do likewise”

I. The Parable

II. **The Purpose**  
(He recommends a Samaritan)

# 1. People have not changed

- ❑ Robbers: might makes right
- ❑ Priest / Levite: mind your own business; don't get involved
- ❑ Samaritan: Mt.7:12

## 2. It is possible to be religious but out of practice

Ja.1:27

Some hear without doing

Lk.19:10

If the greatest need is  
spiritual, the greatest  
neglect is spiritual

3. Be more concerned about being a neighbor than having one

27, 29, 36

Some justify apostasy because of neglect.

Ro.15:2



## 4. Avoid the characteristics of priest and Levite

### Excuses –

1. “I’m no preacher; I don’t know enough...”
2. “They may get angry”
3. “They probably won’t change anyway”

## 5. Imitate the Samaritan

1. Sympathetic
2. Courageous
3. Merciful. Ac.16:9
4. Unselfish
5. Went 2<sup>nd</sup> mile. Mt.5:41

Lawyer debates doctrine,  
but does not do duty.

“It is not place but love  
that makes a neighbor.”