

Setting Our Faces Toward Jerusalem

Loving with Heart, Soul,  
Strength & Mind

Luke 10:25-37



Season of Lent

- » Travelling toward Jerusalem with Jesus
- » Preparing ourselves for Passion week



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Q & A

Luke 10:25-29



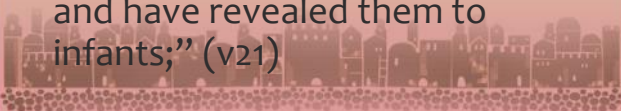
Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. ‘Teacher,’ he said, ‘what must I do to inherit eternal life?’

Luke 10:25




The Context

- » A success story with 70 returning enthusiastically
- » “you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants;” (v21)



The Lawyer

- » “A learned of the Law” asks his question
- » A question to test Jesus (v25)
- » What must I do to inherit eternal life?



## The Back & Forth

- » Jesus - What is written in the law?
- » Lawyer - Love God and neighbour (Deuteronomy 6:5; Leviticus 19:8)
- » Jesus - Do this and live



## The Lawyer

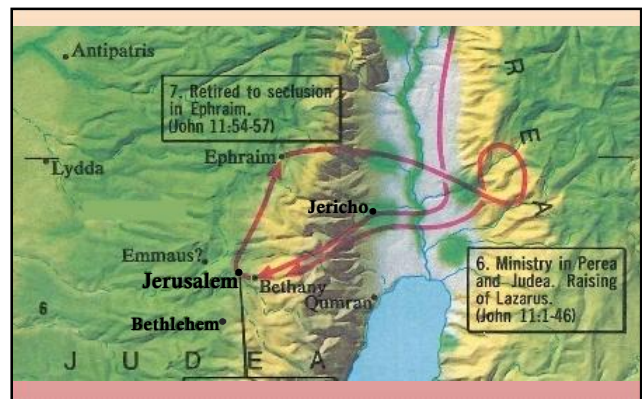
- » One further question to test/justify himself
- » Who is my neighbour?



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### Parable of the Good Samaritan

Luke 10:30-37



## 3 Individuals, 1 Injured Man

- » Priest & Levite pass by on the other side
- » They do not want to see



## Samaritan's Response

- » A surprise in the story – speaks to ethnic animosity of the day
- » Filled with 'compassion/pity'
- » Samaritan fully cares for the beaten man



## Final Exchange

- » Jesus – Who acted as neighbour?
- » Lawyer – The one who showed mercy
- » Jesus – Go and do likewise.



No one can simply have a neighbor;  
one must also be a neighbor.  
Neighboring is a two-way street.

Sharon H. Ringe



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### Going Forward



In the end we will be judged  
not by the creed we hold but  
by the life we live.

William Barclay



## Love

- » Ready to be interrupted
- » To be flexible
- » Living in passive mode



## Jesus; the Good Samaritan

- » Jesus acts as a Good Samaritan to each of us
- » He comes to us in our need and rescues us



Jesus loves us and therefore he finds us. And therefore he also knows us. He knows us better than we know ourselves and still he does not drop us, still he remains our friend, our nearest friend.

Helmut Thielicke

