



THE PARABLE OF:

The Good Samaritan

LUKE 10:25-37



A KINGDOM OF CHRISTLIKE CARING

LUKE 10:25-42

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Outline

A Kingdom of Christlike Caring

Jesus' Kingdom...

...in context

...in crisis

...in contrast

Jesus' Caring...

...as a teaching

...as an example

...as an application



Jesus' Kingdom

...in Context

Luke 10:25-29

In a passage of sending...

- ✓ On the way to Jerusalem
- ✓ Kingdom impact
- ✓ Peace bringers & healers!
- ✓ Benevolent & Inspiring
- ✓ Jesus is meeting all kinds of people, including teachers...
- ✓ *Now...the text...*



²⁵ On one occasion an expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. “Teacher,” he asked, “what must I do to inherit eternal life?”

²⁶ “What is written in the Law?” he replied. “How do you read it?”

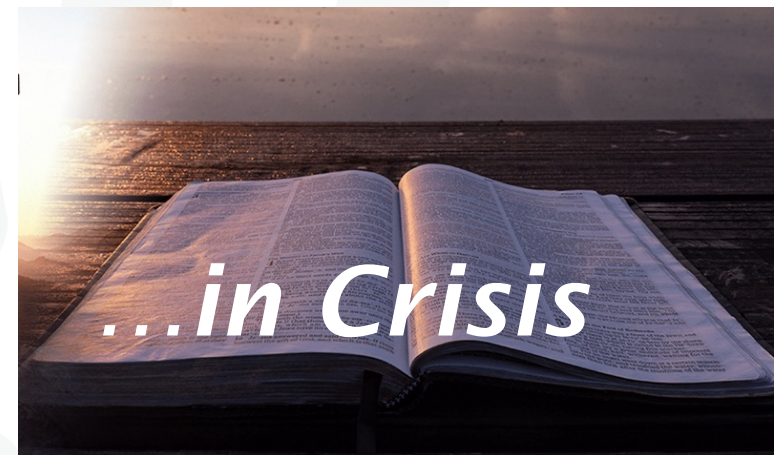
²⁷ He answered, “‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind’; and, ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’” [Deut. 6:5; Lev. 19:18]



²⁸ “You have answered correctly,” Jesus replied. “Do this and you will live.”

²⁹ But he wanted to justify himself, so he asked Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?”

³⁰ In reply Jesus said: “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, when he was attacked by robbers. They stripped him of his clothes, beat him and went away, leaving him half dead. [it’s a crisis]

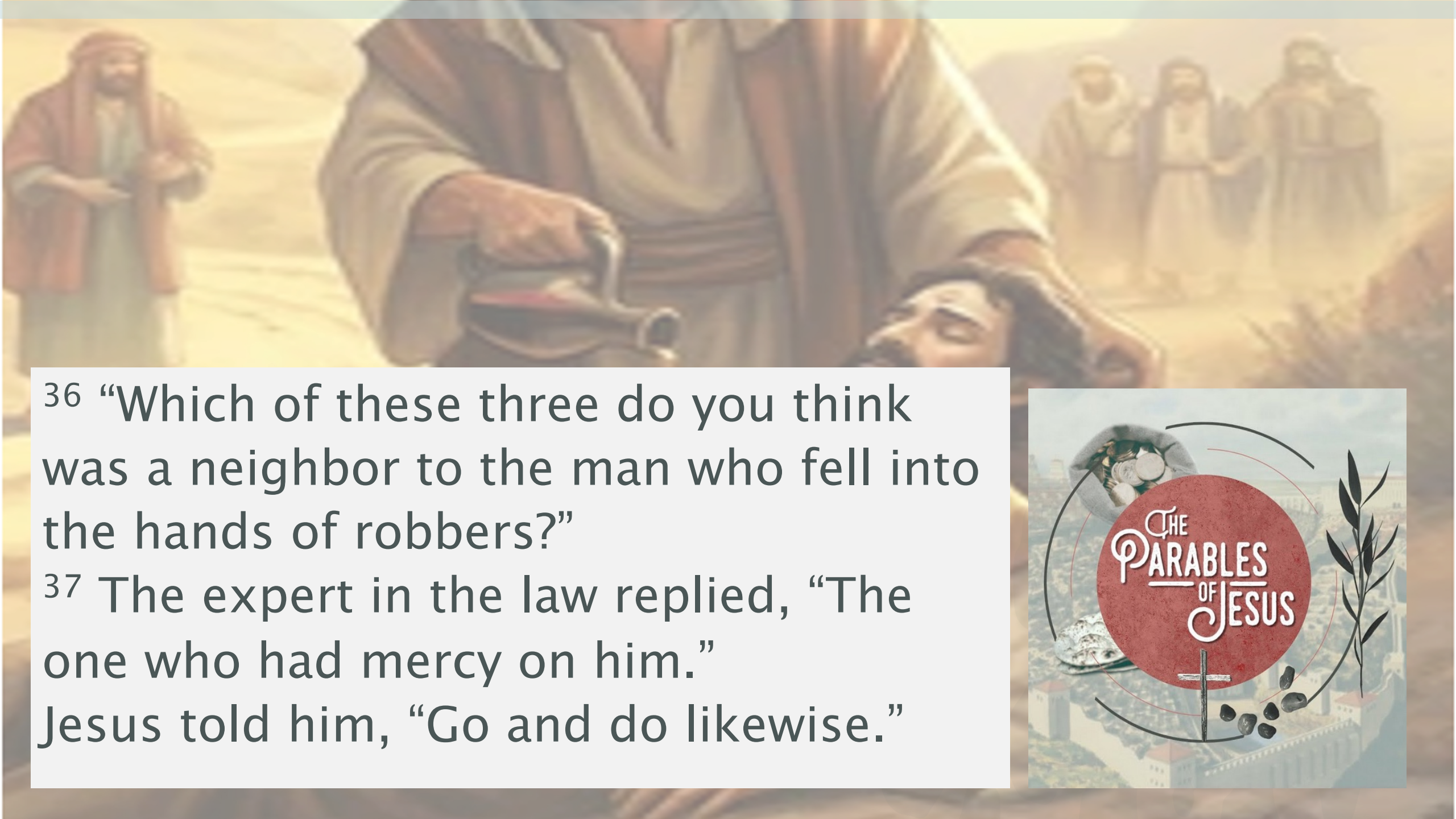


³¹ A priest happened to be going down the same road, and when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. ³² So too, a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. ³³ But a Samaritan, as he traveled, came where the man was; and when he saw him, he took pity on him. ³⁴ He went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine.



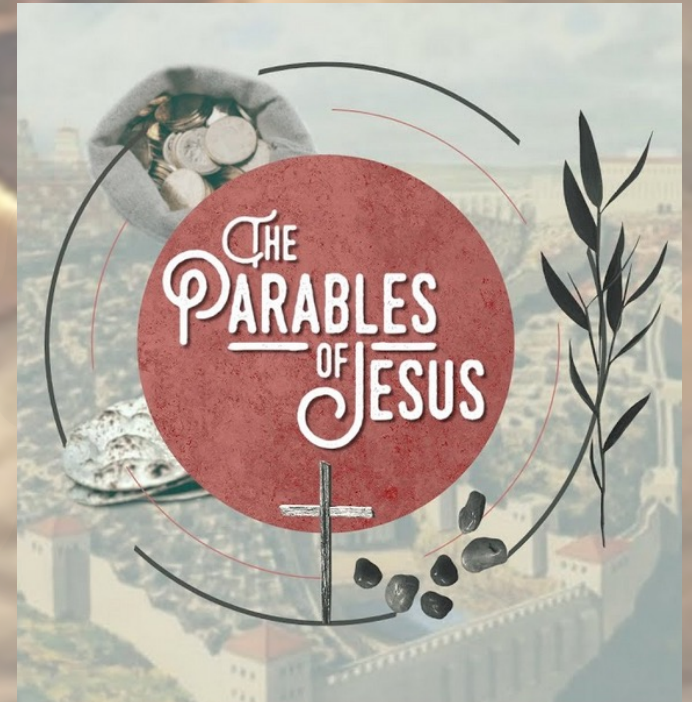
Then he put the man on his own donkey, brought him to an inn and took care of him. ³⁵ The next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper. 'Look after him,' he said, 'and when I return, I will reimburse you for any extra expense you may have.'





³⁶ “Which of these three do you think was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of robbers?”

³⁷ The expert in the law replied, “The one who had mercy on him.” Jesus told him, “Go and do likewise.”





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*WHAT IS JESUS
TRYING TO TEACH?*



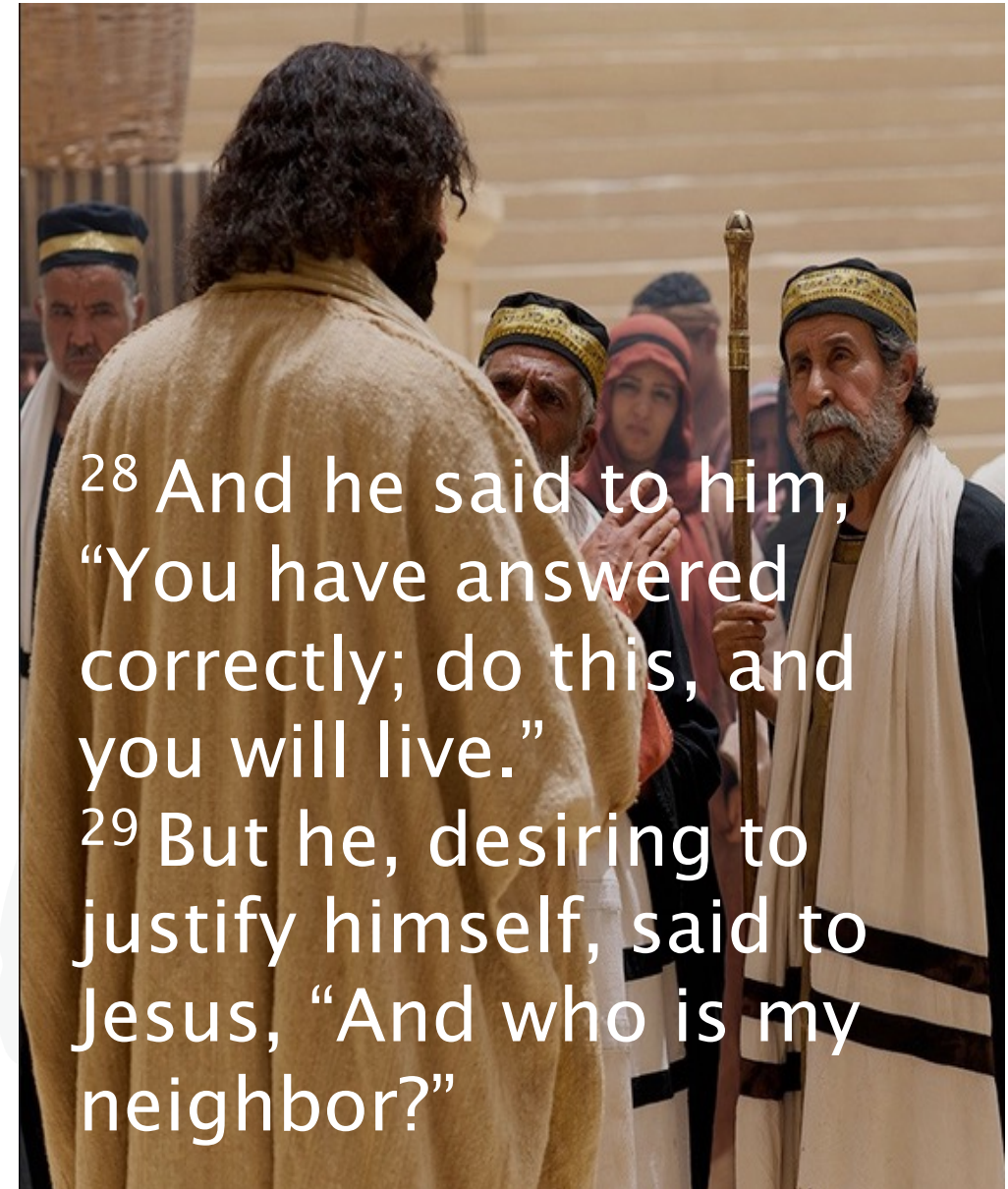
“...tell them, ‘The kingdom of God has come near to you.’”

Jesus' Caring

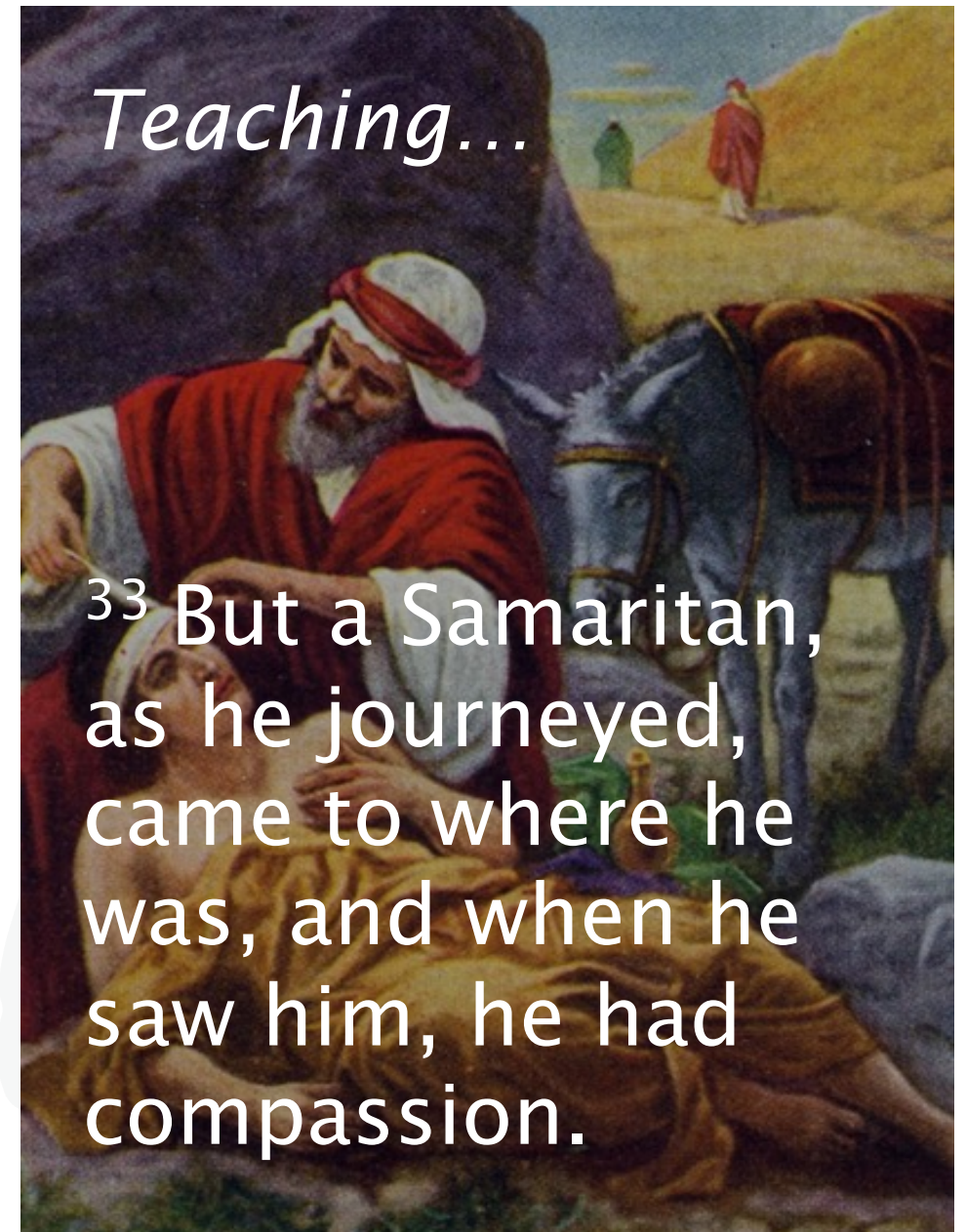
As Teaching, Example, & Application

The teaching of the Kingdom...

- ✓ All want to inherit eternal life (similar to the rich young ruler—Luke 18)
- ✓ “...but he wanted to justify himself...”
- ✓ Jesus highlights a crisis needing mercy, and a crisis within mercy



- ❖ The priest and the Levite likely feel sympathy and sorrow but pass by on the other side.
- ❖ If the third man had been a teacher of the Law, this might have impressed Jesus' guest...
- ❖ Jesus shocks the audience with a Samaritan!



Example...

36 Which of these three, do you think, proved to be a neighbor to the man who fell among the robbers?"

- ❖ Four acts of kindness:
 - ❖ First Aid
 - ❖ Care in transportation
 - ❖ Care in hospitality
 - ❖ Paying for treatment!
- ❖ *Who is the neighbour?*
- ❖ And Jesus said to him, "You go, and do likewise."
- ❖ It ends in a quandry...



Application...

- ~ There is no further discussion. In the account of the rich young ruler, he leaves very sad.
- ~ We know how the teacher should act...*will he?*
- ~ *the story ends with us guessing—about him and us...*

Another view...an allegory

- ✓ Some have seen an interesting twist in this passage
- ✓ Sin is the robber
- ✓ The Law and Traditions are the Priest and the Levite
- ✓ Jesus is the Good Samaritan, who rescues, heals, and pays for our restoration himself!





What does it mean to us?

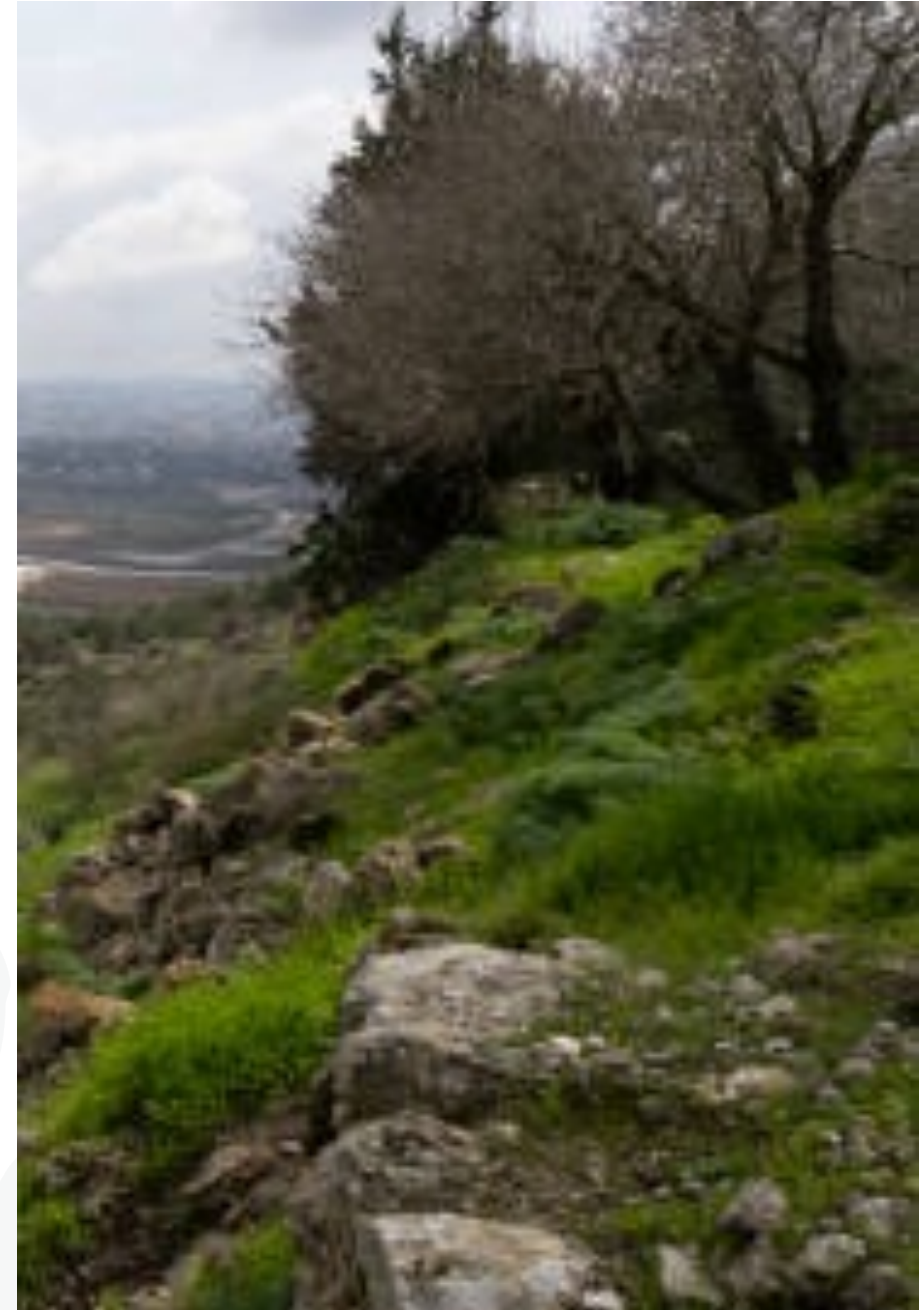
- It is easy to understand, but hard to put into practice
- There is a twist at the end of the chapter, however, as Luke continues...

The followup in Luke...

- ✓ The last few verses are here for a reason...
- ✓ Martha, Mary, and Lazarus are mentioned in John 11. This seems like an earlier time.
- ✓ It raises questions of priorities, what service means, and what Jesus is seeking from us...



³⁸ Now as they went on their way, Jesus entered a village. And a woman named Martha welcomed him into her house. ³⁹ And she had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to his teaching. ⁴⁰ But Martha was distracted with much serving. And she went up to him and said, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Tell her then to help me."

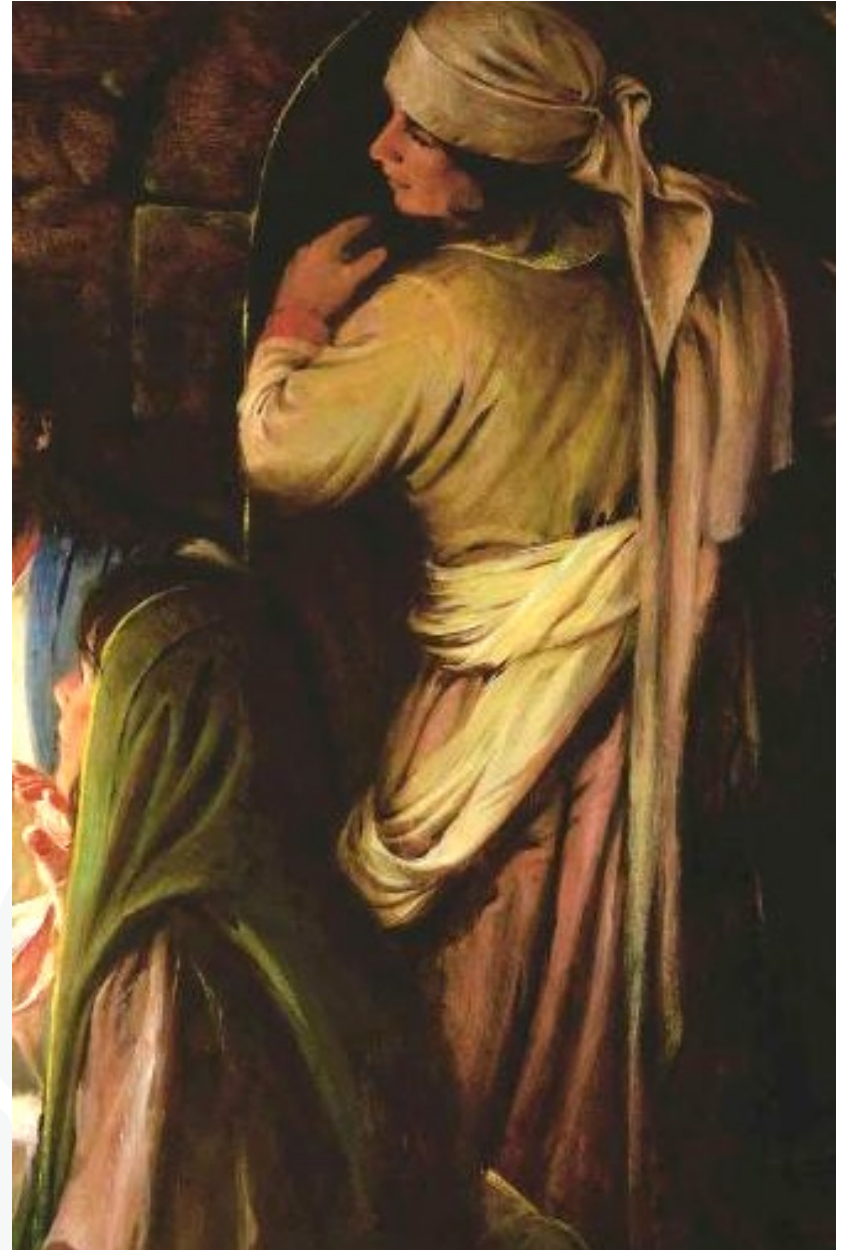


⁴¹ But the Lord answered her, “Martha, Martha, you are anxious and troubled about many things, ⁴² but one thing is necessary. Mary has chosen the good portion, which will not be taken away from her.”

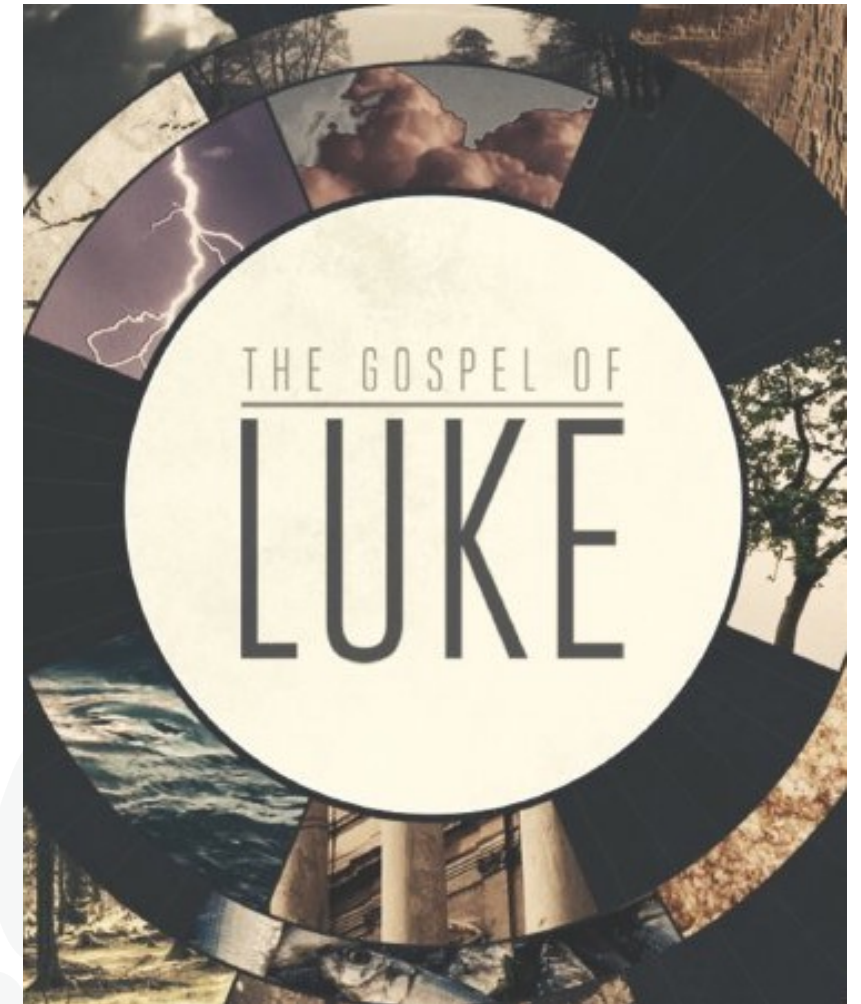


A mystery?

- ✓ In the Good Samaritan parable, service is key to God's true mercy
- ✓ With Mary & Martha, service is secondary to hearing Jesus
- ✓ Is Mary perhaps not saved yet? Should this be put off? Jesus indicates her soul takes priority
- ✓ Martha seems "busy"...



- ✓ It is interesting that in John 11, Martha disputes with Jesus again
- ✓ *Jesus seems to be saying that those ready to be merciful for his sake (the Teacher of the Law) should have a full expression...*
- ✓ But those who do not yet have a living faith (Mary) need to focus first on that...other things are less important





Conclusions & Takeaways

Who is the Samaritan on our road?

- ✓ This parable came after a request for enlightenment (from a Teacher)
- ✓ Jesus gives a teaching, and example (a Samaritan), and an application
- ✓ Luke binds it with an account of first priorities (Martha & Mary)
- ✓ We are left to contemplate...



Takeaways

- ✓ The encounter is not with the teacher alone (or even with Martha & Mary), but with all of us.
- ✓ We are challenged to think and act differently, and step out of a comfort zone
- ✓ The results are profound!



Takeaways

- ✓ Let's think about our local context
- ✓ Let's be honest about our own feelings
- ✓ Let's ask God to move us forward





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