

Lesson 10: The Good Samaritan

What It Means Relating to the New and Old Covenants



The Good Samaritan

(A Call To Have Mercy)

Luke 10:30-37

³⁰ Then Jesus answered and said: “A certain *man* went down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell among thieves, who stripped him of his clothing, wounded *him*, and departed, leaving *him* half dead. ³¹ Now by chance a certain priest came down that road. And when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. ³² Likewise a Levite, when he arrived at the place, came and looked, and passed by on the other side. ³³ But a certain Samaritan, as he journeyed, came where he was. And when he saw him, he had compassion. ³⁴ So he went to *him* and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine; and he set him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. ³⁵ On the next day, when he departed, he took out two denarii, gave *them* to the innkeeper, and said to him, ‘Take care of him; and whatever more you spend, when I come again, I will repay you.’ ³⁶ So which of these three do you think was neighbor to him who fell among the thieves?” ³⁷ And he said, “He who showed mercy on him.”

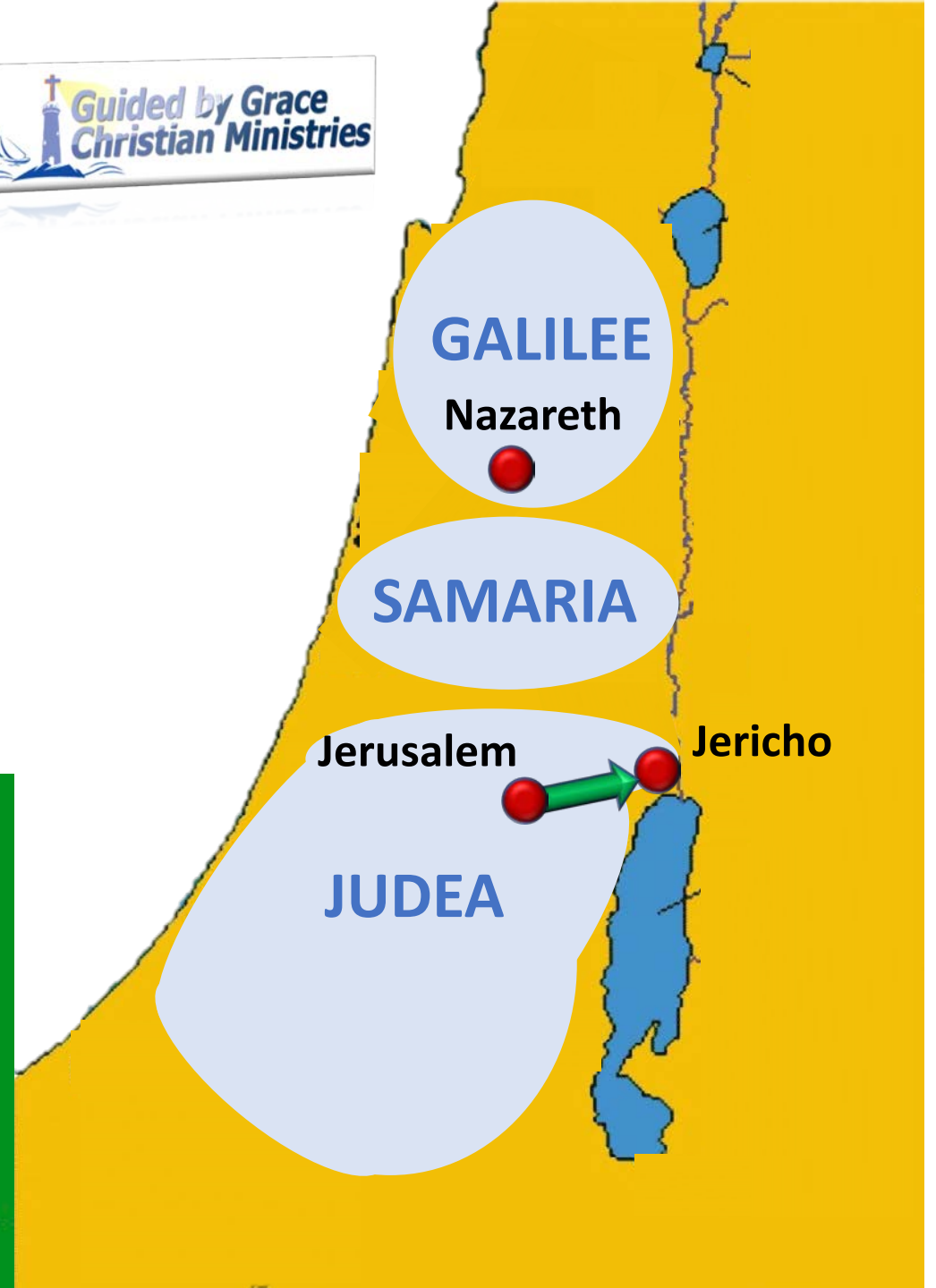
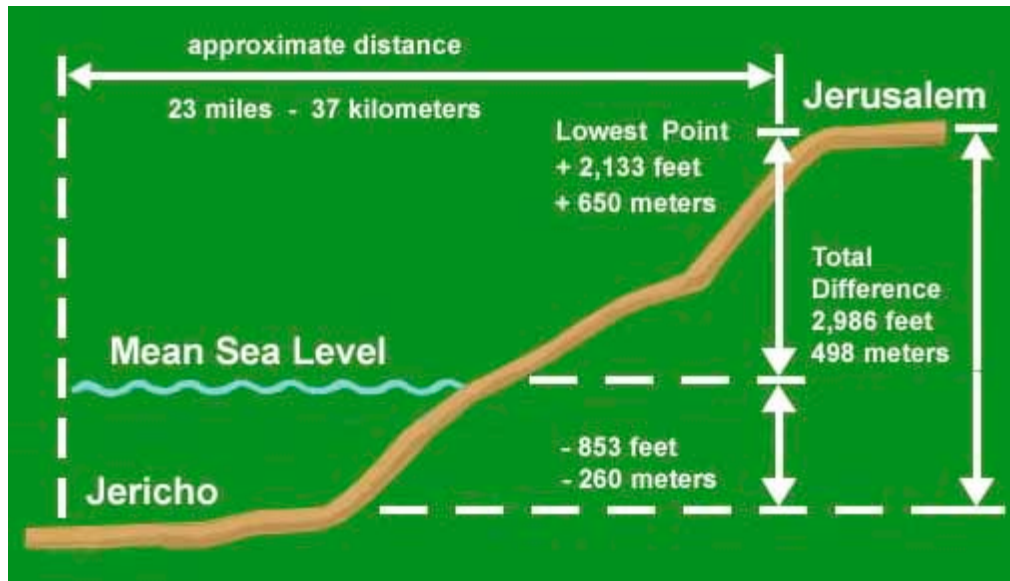
Then Jesus said to him, “Go and do likewise.”

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- Man went “down” from Jerusalem to Jericho.
 - The distance was approximately “23 miles”
 - He fell among “thieves”.
- The place he fell was in an area called “Adomim”



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- **Symbolism**

- The going “down” from Jerusalem to Jericho indicates man’s falling away from God.
- The distance was approximately 23 miles. The number 23 means that God is with us.
 - Matthew 18:20 – “Where two or three have gathered together in my name, I am there in their midst.
 - Zechariah 8:23 - “Let us go with you, for we have heard God is with you.”
 - Exodus 23:23 – “For My angel will go before you”.
 - Jerimiah 23:23 – “Am I God who is near” declares the Lord, And not a God far off?”
 - 1 Samuel 23:23 – “Learn about all the hiding places where he hides himself and return to me with certainty, and I will go with you”.

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- **Symbolism**

- “He fell among thieves.”...the **loss of the man’s righteousness** by sin...all that is **good and right has been taken** by the “great thief in the night.”
- The man was “stripped” of everything...there was **nothing left to have or to give.**
- He was **wounded from his head to his foot**, laying there on his death bed – he was at the “**end of himself**” with no hope.
- But it occurred in an area called Adomin, meaning the **shedding of much blood**...representing mercy and forgiveness.

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- **Symbolism**

- Two passed by him – one a priest and another was a Levite. Both were holy men -
 - Legalistic,
 - With hardened hearts,
 - Without compassion,
 - Without mercy.
- A 3rd man came who was a **Samaritan** and tended to the man. Samaritans were:
 - **Seen as pagans:** idol worshippers...inter-rationally married... were considered to be “half-breeds”, unholy, unworthy and deemed unclean.
 - The **Jews hated Samaritans** and avoided them at all costs...avoid crossing through there land and coming in contact with them.
 - Christ **frequently travelled through Samaria** from Galilee to Judea and from Judea back to Galilee.

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- **Symbolism**

- A “certain” Samaritan saw the wounded and dying man and **“came” to him.**
 - He had **“compassion”** for the man.
 - He **“bandaged”** his wounds, so they would be healed.
 - He **“poured”** oil and wine on him.
 - Pouring – he “poured” more than was needed.
 - Oil – he anointed him for blessing and protection
 - Wine – he poured blood on his body for forgiveness.
- He put him on **his own animal** - a “beast of burden” to carry him...to make his journey easy and to remove the risk of further injury to the man.
- He **“carried”** him without the man being conscious of what had happened or even knowing what was going on.

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- He took him to an **“Inn”** – a place of refuge, peace and rest.
- **“On the Next Day”**...A new beginning of regeneration.
- He gave the Inn owner **“two” denarius** – Two (2) meaning
 - A union in marriage and intimacy
 - To remove loneliness and to comfort him (Even given to Adam).
 - To be a witness to the truth.
 - The union of Christ and the church.
 - The 2 covenants – The “Old (the Law)” and the “New (Grace)”

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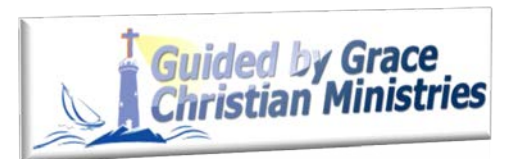
- **Symbolism**

- The Samaritan told the Inn Keeper to **“Take Care of Him”** ...no matter what the cost.
- Samaritan said **“whatever you spend”** ...**when I come again....“I will repay you.”**
 - No price is too great to save this man.
 - I will return a second time...this time to judge the righteous and unrighteous.
 - If you believe, you will be rewarded.

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- **Christ Asks Us:** “So which of these three do you think was “**neighbor**” to him who fell among the thieves?”
- **NOTE:** In scripture Christ uses “**neighbor**” to include “non-Jews, Samaritans, and Gentiles”



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- **Symbolism**
- **Christ Asks Us:** So which of these three do you think was **neighbor to him** who fell among the thieves?”
 - Which of the men did **God’s will** for those who have:
 - No hope,
 - Are losing hope, or
 - For those who didn’t even know there was hope?
 - No matter their condition, who they are, where they came from, or what they are, ...**ALL** are all worthy of our **unconditional** love, mercy, and forgiveness.

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- Christ Instructs Us as Believers and Disciples:
 - **Be like the Samaritan...A good neighbor...**
 - Be loving, merciful and forgiving to **ALL** that **cross your path**.





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