

# Surprised By Jesus

Challenge I Luke 10:25-37  
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Luke 10:25-37 “On one occasion an expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. “Teacher,” he asked, “what must I do to inherit eternal life?”<sup>26</sup> “What is written in the Law?” he replied. “How do you read it?”<sup>27</sup> 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.’”<sup>28</sup> “You have answered correctly,” Jesus replied. “Do this and you will live.”<sup>29</sup> But he wanted to justify himself, so he asked Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?”<sup>30</sup> 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.<sup>31</sup> A priest happened to be going down the same road, and when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side.<sup>32</sup> So too, a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side.<sup>33</sup> But a Samaritan, as he traveled, came where the man was; and when he saw him, he took pity on him.<sup>34</sup> 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.<sup>35</sup> 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.’”<sup>36</sup> “Which of these three do you think was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of robbers?”<sup>37</sup> The expert in the law replied, “The one who had mercy on him.” Jesus told him, “Go and do likewise.”

## A SURPRISING QUESTION

## A SURPRISING STORY

- Three main reasons caused the \_\_\_\_\_: religion, race, and politics

## A SURPRISING INVITATION

Luke 19:10 “For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.”

Philippians 2:6-8 *Jesus, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death - even death on a cross!*

- Jesus was portraying Himself in the Good Samaritan story – the One who \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ us from death.

## A SURPRISING CHALLENGE

Matthew 16:24 *Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me.* <sup>25</sup> *For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will find it.*

- We tend to get \_\_\_\_\_ with ourselves, and so miss life.
- We tend to \_\_\_\_\_ God to a task, and so miss life.
- Jesus is challenging us to move into our own Good Samaritan stories – to be people who, out of devotion to God, \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ others in their need, and so experience life.

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