

# THE GOSPEL OF LUKE

JESUS CHRIST THE SON OF MAN

LUKE CHAPTER 10:25-37

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**"WHAT IS MAN'S GREATEST ISSUE?"**

*THE HUMANITY AND DIVINITY OF JESUS CHRIST,  
THE SON OF GOD, AND THE SON OF MAN*

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**WHAT IS "MAN'S GREATEST ISSUE?"**

*it sounds like one of the categories on jeopardy*

I'll Take **"WHAT IS MAN'S GREATEST ISSUE?"** for 500

**"The Lord Jesus Christ" is Man's Greatest Issue**

**Luke 10:25-37**

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**Luke 10:30-35**

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."

**Luke 10:37**

And he said, "He who showed mercy on him."  
Then Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

**Luke 10:36**

So which of these three do you think was neighbor to him who fell among the thieves?"

**“WHAT IS MAN’S GREATEST ISSUE?”**

everyone has issues about something.  
when we talk about issues were talking about those  
things that matter a great deal to us

But, what are the issues, do we even know  
what the greatest issue of all really is?

**“WHAT IS MAN’S GREATEST ISSUE?”**

**1.) It’s not what he knows**

**v.25-29**

**1a.) Education isn’t it**

**v.25-26**

And behold, a **certain** lawyer stood up and **tested** Him, saying, "Teacher,  
what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" :26 Jesus said to him,  
"What is written in the law? What is your reading *of it?*"

**have you ever met a man like this?**

the answer is yes, this is the man who knows more than God.

**tested**

(to trip or cause to stumble)

(1)

***I Know Enough***

**It’s Not What You Know, It’s Who You Know**

(2)

***what shall I do to inherit eternal life***

**It’s Not What You Know, It’s Who You Know**

**god has no grandchildren**

# IT'S NOT WHAT HE KNOWS

## 1b.) Correctness isn't it

v.27

:27 So the Lawyer **answered** and **said**, ““*You shall love the LORD* your God... (1) **with** all your **heart**, (2) **with** all your **soul**, (3) **with** all your **strength**, and (4) **with** all your **mind**,’ and (5) [*You shall love*] ‘*your neighbor as yourself.*’

### with all your heart

kardi+a kardia, *kar-dee'-ah*;

the thoughts or feelings. the core of a person.

### with all your soul

yuch/ psuche, *psoo-khay*;

one's breath, the rational, immortal soul, one's vitality.

### with all your strength

ijscu/β ischus, *is-khoos'*.

usefulness, ability, physical power.

### with all your mind

diaꝯnoia dianoia, *dee-an'-oy-ah*;

your deep thoughts, your meditations, to wonder or to muse.

the imagination, mind, understanding.

He Knew The Answer, But He Wasn't Living The Answer

This Is The Danger of Head-Knowledge,

Knowing What To Do And To Not Doing It Is The Worst Of All.

Because Knowledge Carries With It Performance.

## This was What He Knew

**Leviticus 19:18b**

...you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I *am* the LORD.

**Galatians 5:14**

For all the law is fulfilled in one word, *even* in this:

*“You shall love your neighbor as yourself.”*

## IT'S NOT WHAT HE KNOWS

### 1c.) Ambition isn't it

v.28-29

And Jesus said to him, "You have answered rightly; do this and you will live." :29 But he, wanting to **justify** himself, said to Jesus, - - "And who is my neighbor?"

desiring to **justify** himself.

dikaio/w dikaioo, *dik-ah-yo'-o*; self-promotion, to put yourself forward, to declare your innocence. to righteousness

**we will not be judged by our creed, but by our deeds.**

*"...and who is my neighbor?"*

a Hollywood scene: this is that moment when, those saloon doors swing open and there's a silence that falls over the room...

## "WHAT IS MAN'S GREATEST ISSUE?"

### 2.) It's not who he is

v.30-35

### 2a.) Being religious doesn't help him

v.30-31

#### Luke 10:30-31

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The Road to Jericho was the "Red Road" or "Blood Road"

a dangerous and notorious foot path, but it was a direct walk home to Jericho for the priests. at the time of Jesus, some 12,000 priests lived in Jericho. 24 priests per month served in the temple in Jerusalem. (24)

## This Was His (their) Religion

#### Deuteronomy 6:4-7

"Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD *is* one! :5 You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength. :6 "And these words which I command you today shall be in your heart. :7 You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up.

**James 1:25**

But he who looks into the perfect law of liberty and continues *in it*, and is not a forgetful hearer but a doer of the work, this one will be blessed in what he does.

**Romans 3:20**

Therefore by the deeds of the law no flesh will be justified in His sight,  
for by the law *is* the knowledge of sin.

*“...and who is my neighbor?”*

whoever is in need of help, is our neighbor!

**IT’S NOT WHO HE IS**

**2b.) Being faithful doesn’t help him**

**v.32**

Likewise a **Levite**, when he arrived at the place,  
**came** and **looked**, and passed by on the other side.

we came, we looked, we left

“let someone else take care of the guy, I’ve got things to do.

**Watch Out When You’re Leaving the Temple**

this man was going back home from Jerusalem to Jericho after having performed his religious duties (things that do not matter to God when your heart is in the wrong place)

going through the motions - without **e**motions

A “Mindless Repetition”

Doesn’t Make You a Child of God

maybe it’s a rote prayer, a routine, a rosary, the mindless repeat.

*would we talk to a human that way?*

**2c.) Being concerned doesn’t help him v.33-35**

**: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.”

## A Samaritan? What The (+\$%\*&\*^\*@)

### Exodus 23:4-5

"If you meet your enemy's ox or his donkey going astray, you shall surely bring it back to him again.  
:5 If you see the donkey of one who hates you lying under its burden, and you would refrain from helping it, you shall surely help him with it.

a real person would say – "I got that"  
a religious person would say – "I didn't see any ox or donkey"

### James 1:26

If anyone among you thinks he is religious, and does not bridle his tongue but deceives his own heart, this one's religion *is* useless. :27 Pure and undefiled religion before God and the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their trouble, *and* to keep oneself unspotted from the world.

## That Samaritan? What The (+\$%\*&\*^\*@)

### Verse 34-35

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."

two denarii = 24 days' worth of food & lodging and the number of priests representing the Lord and the People... (24 priests)

## "WHAT IS MAN'S GREATEST ISSUE?"

### 3.) It's not what he says

v.36

So which of these three do you think was **neighbor** to him who fell among the thieves?"

### 3a.) What he said he believed in didn't work v.36

this is a picture of real hypocrisy,  
to know what to do and then not doing it

when time comes for suffering,  
words matter the least.

if there was ever a time for action, it's when someone's in need of help.  
we can talk the talk but involvement confirms our confession.

we can say anything about ourselves,  
but is what we say by words equal to what we do by deeds.

**Galatians 2:16**

knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law but **by faith in Jesus Christ**, even we have believed **in Christ Jesus**, that we might be **justified by faith in Christ** and not by the works of the law; for by the works of the law no flesh shall be justified.

**James 2:17-18**

Thus also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead. **:18** But someone will say, “You have faith, and I have works.” Show me your faith without your works, and I will show you my faith by my works.

## IT’S NOT WHAT HE SAYS

**3b.) What he said he had was of no value**

**v.36**

So which of these three do you **think**  
was **neighbor** to him who fell among the thieves?”

**actions speak louder than words.**

Christianity is not a “collection of sayings” or “a macramé of clichés”

“What we believe can only become believable  
when others see what we believe.”

if you love me, I’m going to know that,  
you’ll express it to me.

**1 John 2:9-10**

He who **says** he is in the light, and hates his brother, is in darkness until now. **:10** He who loves his brother abides in the light, and there is no cause for stumbling in him.

**1 John 3:16-18**

By this we know love, because He laid down His life for us. And we also ought to lay down *our* lives for the brethren. **:17** But whoever has this world’s goods, and sees his brother in need, and shuts up his heart from him, how does the love of God abide in him? **:18** My little children, let us not love in word or in tongue, but in deed and in truth.

# “WHAT IS MAN’S GREATEST ISSUE?”

4.) It’s not what he does

v.37

4a.) It’s the motive v.37

And he said, “He who **showed** mercy on him.” Then Jesus said to him, “Go and do likewise.”

## Mission Impossible

what Jesus gives the lawyer is an impossible task  
for the man to perform. – because he’s missing the greatest issue

### 1 Corinthians 13:1-3

Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I have become sounding brass or a clanging cymbal. :2 And though I have *the gift of* prophecy, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. :3 And though I bestow all my goods to feed *the poor*, and though I give my body to be burned, but have not love, it profits me nothing.

what a sad moment here.

there is no confession, there is not conviction, there is no repentance.  
that leaves us from the pages...

**Galatians 6:10** Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all, especially to those who are of the household of faith.

Jesus tells the man to go and do what he has tied on  
his arm and forehead

### The Phylactery

look at your hand // look between your eyes // what do you see,  
the answer is there!

## Our Modern Day Phylacteries

Jesus said, “Go and do likewise.”

### Micah 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?



Those of You Called Christian;  
what proof is coming out of your life that supports that claim?

It's Time To Ask The Question

**What's In It For Me?**

*This is What's In It for You*

**CONSIDER THIS;**

On Jeopardy, they give you the answer,  
and you're expected to know the question.

Alex, for Eternal Life I'll Take  
**WHAT IS; "MAN'S GREATEST ISSUE?"**

"Who is **The Lord Jesus Christ?**"

*End of Study*