

Luke 10:30-37

- ✓ We saw last time that the good Samaritan was not intended to be a "good" story as we so often understand it.
 - ✓ It is intended to indict a man who had the audacity to put Jesus to the test and the presumption that he himself was going to heaven.
 - ✓ You can't convince someone they need a savior until they are convinced they are a sinner.
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1. The Law was given as an act of grace so that we could see what God sees.

- ✓ God sees the truth, that we are sinners, dead in our trespasses, headed to an eternity separated from Him.
 - ✓ God, in a gracious act, has given us His eternal laws, not so much that we can try to keep them as much as to say that we have already broken them and stand condemned.
 - ✓ **Romans 3:19-20** Its shuts the mouth that says, "I'm a good person," "I'm going to go to heaven when I die"
 - ✓ The Laws of God require you to keep them perfectly, **Galatians 3:10**, You are either perfect or you are cursed!
 - ✓ This man "wanted to Justify himself," but that's just it, you can't do that.
 - ✓ The Law is so impossible to keep that God might as well have said "you must jump over the moon to go to Heaven."
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- ✓ These aren't arbitrary laws, They are far above us because that's how far we have fallen, **Romans 3:23**.
 - ✓ No better illustration of how impossible the standard of God's law is than when we consider the two greatest commandments.
 - ✓ We can't keep the lesser commandments perfectly, what's our chances with the two greatest?
 - ✓ The Jericho Road is 17 miles and a decent of almost 4,000 feet.
 - ✓ Winding road through canyons with many sharp turns and many rocks and ravines to hide bad people.
 - ✓ It was a notorious place that featured robbers and bandits, you would never travel alone here.
 - ✓ "Why was this man traveling alone?" He wasn't!, it's just a story that Jesus has made up to make a point.
 - ✓ Nothing in this story ever happened, it's intentionally contrived, trying to explain why someone did something within the story is a waste of our time, don't psychoanalyze it, these aren't real people.
 - ✓ This is pretty much a preposterous story to point out how preposterous it is for us to think we are keeping God's laws.
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Luke 10: Interrogation, Counter Interrogation, Part 2

The Priest, Does he or does he not keep the second greatest commandment?

- ✓ Is he, therefore, going to Heaven or hell?

The Levite, Heaven, or hell?

- ✓ The point is that these men, who should have a grasp on eternity and what it takes to get there, do not love their neighbor as themselves.
 - ✓ Heaven is pass/fail, either you are perfect and pass, or you are not perfect and fail.
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The Samaritan, Verse 33

- ✓ The very existence of Samaritans was considered evil, they were a blight on the world as far as any Jew was concerned.
 - ✓ If you wanted to really call someone a bad name, you called them a Samaritan: **John 8:48.**
 - ✓ The Samaritan does this for a complete stranger, he does this for a man who hated him.
 - ✓ This is what Jesus says loving your neighbor as yourself looks like.
 - ✓ Whether you like it or not, this is what you'd do for yourself if you were so injured and in harm's way... wouldn't you?
 - ✓ What part of "love your neighbor as you love yourself" are we not hearing??
 - ✓ The commandments aren't rules of thumb and they aren't suggestion, they are ultimatums.
 - ✓ If you want to earn eternal life, you have to have loved God with all your heart, soul, mind and strength and your neighbor exactly as you love yourself, **else you are headed for Hell.**
 - ✓ We need to search for another solution, and that solution is to throw ourselves at the mercy of the One who owns heaven and eternal life, beg His forgiveness, accept His Son as the substitute payment for our sins.
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Romans 3:19-20

- ✓ Who cares if you are socially aware and meeting others needs if you miss Heaven? Who cares if how you feel about God forgiving the worst sinners if you yourself aren't forgiven? Who cares if you think you're going to heaven if in fact what you believe disagrees with what God says??
 - ✓ Of course, the way the Good Samaritan cared for this man is the way God cares for us sinners.
 - ✓ We have been robbed and beaten up by the world, the flesh and the devil, God spares nothing to rescue us and risks His most precious asset to see that we are saved.
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