

# JESUS

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# SALVATION HISTORY

- Old Testament Prophecy
- Last week you heard about the Old Testament story, the beginning of salvation history
- how God created man to be in relationship with him
- how God made a covenant with man
- how time and time again man broke the covenant with God
- Despite this, God persists in his attempts to draw man into a relationship with him
- He sent prophets, but the people would not listen to the Word of God through the prophets
- God said:



**Jeremiah 31:31-34:** "Behold, the days are coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah, **not like the covenant which I made with their fathers** when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, my covenant which they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. **But this is the covenant which I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it upon their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.** And no longer shall each man teach his neighbor and each his brother, saying, 'Know the LORD,' for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more."



## **Ezekiel 36:26-27**

**26** I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. **27** **I will put my spirit within you** so that you walk in my statutes, observe my ordinances, and keep them.



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- God himself, the Perfect Being, would have to:
  - live among us as one of us
  - to teach us his how to be in a covenant relationship with the Father
  - He would teach us, and then die for our sins so that we could be reconciled to God:
    - **Hebrews 9:22** - According to the law almost everything is purified by blood, and without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness.
    - **Hebrews 7:26** It was fitting that we should have such a high priest: holy, innocent, undefiled, separated from sinners, higher than the heavens. **27** He has no need, as did the high priests, to offer sacrifice day after day, first for his own sins and then for those of the people; he did that once for all when he offered himself.
    - Jesus is the sacrificial lamb who would die for our sins

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- Chooses 12 disciples - “Come, follow me.”
- Share the love of the Father, his desire to be in a covenant relationship with each person
- His message is simple: Love God and Love Neighbor
  - The Prodigal Son (return to a right relationship)
  - The Good Samaritan



# Parable of The Prodigal Son





**The Parable of the Lost Son.** Luke 15:11 Then he said, “A man had two sons, 12 and the younger son said to his father, ‘Father, **give me the share of your estate that should come to me.**’ So the father divided the property between them.





**13** After a few days, the younger son collected all his belongings and set off to a distant country where he squandered his inheritance on a life of dissipation.





14 When he had **freely spent everything**, a severe famine struck that country, and he found himself in dire need. 15 So he **hired himself out** to one of the local citizens who sent him to his farm to tend the swine. 16 And he longed to eat his fill of the pods on which the swine fed, but nobody gave him any.





**17 Coming to his senses** he thought, ‘How many of my father’s hired workers have more than enough food to eat, but here am I, dying from hunger. **18** I shall get up and go to my father and I shall say to him, “Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. **19** I no longer deserve to be called your son; treat me as you would treat one of your hired workers.”’ **20** So he got up and went back to his father.





While he was still a long way off, his father caught sight of him, and was filled with compassion. He ran to his son, embraced him and kissed him.





**21** His son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you; I no longer deserve to be called your son.’





22 But his father ordered his servants, ‘Quickly bring the finest robe and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. 23 Take the fattened calf and slaughter it. Then let us celebrate with a feast, 24 **because this son of mine was dead, and has come to life again; he was lost, and has been found.**’ Then the celebration began.





**25** Now the older son had been out in the field and, on his way back, as he neared the house, he heard the sound of music and dancing. **26** He called one of the servants and asked what this might mean. **27** The servant said to him, ‘Your brother has returned and your father has slaughtered the fattened calf because he has him back safe and sound.’ **28** He became angry, and when he refused to enter the house, his father came out and pleaded with him.”



**29** He said to his father in reply, ‘Look, all these years I served you and not once did I disobey your orders; yet you never gave me even a young goat to feast on with my friends. **30** But when your son returns who swallowed up your property with prostitutes, for him you slaughter the fattened calf.’ **31** He said to him, ‘My son, you are here with me always; everything I have is yours. **32** But now we must celebrate and rejoice, because your brother was dead and has come to life again; he was lost and has been found.’”







# Parable of The Good Samaritan





There was a scholar of the law who stood up to test him and said, “Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?” Jesus said to him, “What is written in the law? How do you read it?”

He said in reply, “You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your being, with all your strength, and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself.” He replied to him, “You have answered correctly; do this and you will live.”

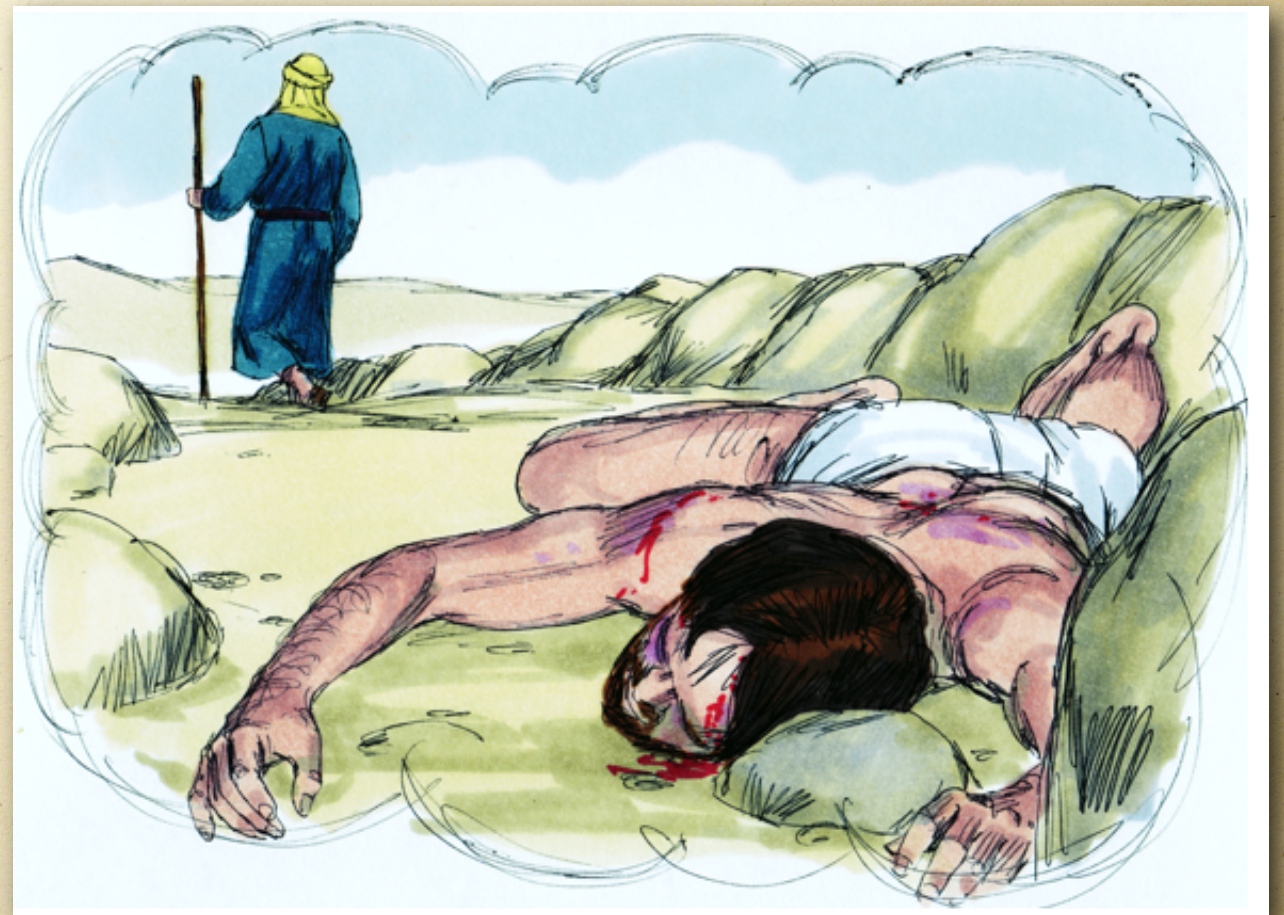
But because he wished to justify himself, he said to Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?”



Jesus replied, "A man fell victim to robbers as he went down from Jerusalem to Jericho. They stripped and beat him and went off leaving him half-dead.

A **priest** happened to be going down that road, but when he saw him, he passed by on the opposite side.

Likewise a **Levite** came to the place, and when he saw him, he passed by on the opposite side.





But a **Samaritan** traveler who came upon him was moved with compassion at the sight. He approached the victim, poured oil and wine over his wounds and bandaged them. Then he **lifted him up on his own animal**, took him to an inn and **cared for him**. The next day he took out two silver coins and gave them to the innkeeper with the instruction, **‘Take care of him. If you spend more than what I have given you, I shall repay you on my way back.’**





Which of these three, in your opinion,  
was neighbor to the robbers' victim?"

He answered, "The one who treated  
him with mercy."

Jesus said to him, "Go and do  
likewise."

*Luke 10:25-37*



“Religion that is pure and undefiled before God and the Father is this: to care for orphans and widows in their affliction and to keep oneself unstained by the world.”  
(James 1:27)





## The Prodigal Son

- God Loves each of us
- He desires to be in relationship with us
- When we are unfaithful, he longs for the day we return
- He desires us to love him back

## The Good Samaritan

- Love your neighbor as yourself
- Do to others as you would have done to you
- Show mercy and charity to each person



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