

**Introduction:** Jesus was the Master at showing compassion: He showed compassion towards the Lepers when everyone else feared and shunned them. He showed compassion to the Samaritan woman at the well, when culture would have forbid Him from speaking to a Samaritan woman. He showed compassion when Jesus called Zacchaeus, a short-crooked tax man from the tree he had climbed so he could see Jesus. Jesus went to Zacchaeus home and ate with him and it changed the man's life and eternity. Jesus taught compassion when He told the story about the Good Samaritan.

**Text:** Luke 10:25:37 (NLT) - (Video) Luke 10:31-37

## Outline:

### I. Those Who Should – Only if they Would

**A. The Priest** – They Represented the people before God, and offered the various sacrifices prescribed in the law of God. If there was anyone who should have shown compassion and embody mercy, it should have been this Priest.

**B. The Levites** – They were the tribe God had appointed to serve His temple...to make sure the temple had everything it needed so the people could be served and the Priests could do their job. If there was someone who should have shown compassion and embodied mercy, it should have been a Levite.

**C. The Despised Samaritans** – These were a people of mixed race, some were Gentiles mixed with Jews, but came from Babylon and other pagan nations who came and settled in Samaria. Many had taken on the Jewish religion as their own. But they were shunned by the Jews. They would not talk to a Samaritan or have anything to do with them. If there was anyone who should have passed this Jewish man by, who had been beaten and robbed, it would have been this Samaritan man. But instead, he showed COMPASSION AND MERCY.

- The last words Jesus said was: "Yes, now go and do the same."

### II. Jesus Chose and Loved the "Different"

#### A. Jesus Called people who were very different than Himself.

- ▼ James son of Zebedee and his brother John who were called "sons of thunder". They were hot heads. They impatiently wanted to call down fire from heaven on those that did not accept Jesus into their town.

- ▼ Peter was a loud mouth who always verbalized his opinion. Jesus rebuked him often, but was always patient with Peter and gave him multiple chances...Peter would go on to write 2 N.T. Epistles...
- ▼ Thomas was a man full of doubt.
- ▼ Judas was a devil. Yet, Jesus made him the treasurer.

### **B. Who They had been vs. who they could be...**

- ▼ Matthew had been a Tax collector, but Jesus saw someone who could be the writer of the Gospel to the Jews that they might believe.
- ▼ That is why Jesus said: "Love thy neighbor as thyself". Because you desire God to see the best in you...God desires you to see the best in others. Look past the outward, the disappointing, the flaw.
- ▼ Make allowances for one another's faults...and Love each other; even when it is hard to do so. **Colossians 3:13**

Look at what the Lord desires of us INSIDE the Church: **Philippians 2:1-5** (NLT)

### **III. You and I were the "Different".**

#### **Romans 5:8**

**A. We were:** the hotheads, the loud mouths, the negative & toxic, the doubters, the wicked, the restless, the foul mouth, the lustful, the liars, the thieves, the gossips, the fault finders, the unforgiving. 1 Corinthians 6:11 *"Some of you were once like that. But you were cleansed; you were made holy; you were made right with God by calling on the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God."*

#### **B. Now it is our turn to have the same attitude Christ Jesus had... To Have His mind in us. To Show Compassion!**

- ▼ We are the watchers on the wall for this time in Earth's history/Church history. We are to represent Christ to the world. If we can't love each other INSIDE the church, how will we accomplish our MISSION OUTSIDE the church?
- ▼ **We are not to be a MUSEUM for good people...We are to be a HOSPITAL for the Broken and for the Sinners!**
- ▼ Who is your "Samaritan"? The people different than you; that you find it hard to stop and help, stop and witness too, stop and show Love for, stop and minister too, be patient with, overlook their differences and treat them with kindness anyway?