

A photograph of two men in traditional, dark-colored robes and white head coverings walking away from the camera on a dirt path. They are positioned in front of a large, rustic stone wall. The man on the left is wearing a dark green robe and a white head covering, and has a brown satchel slung over his shoulder. The man on the right is wearing a dark purple robe and a white head covering, also with a brown satchel. The background features a large, textured stone wall with some greenery and a tree trunk on the left. The overall scene is set in a natural, outdoor environment.

**“Who Is My Neighbor?”**  
**Luke 10:24 - 37**

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## George W. Bush:

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**“I can pledge our nation to a goal: when we see that wounded traveler on the road to Jericho, we will not pass to the other side.”  
(1<sup>st</sup> Inaugural Address, 2001)**



## Queen Elizabeth II:

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**“Everyone is our neighbour, no matter what race, creed or colour. The need to look after a fellow human being is far more important than any cultural or religious differences.”  
(from her 2004 Christmas message)**

# What will we learn?

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- ❖ If we think we are justified in scorning any other group, we have not fully grasped the Gospel of Jesus.



# The Gospel of Luke

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- ❖ I – The Launch (1:1-9:50)
  - ❖ November, 2018 – June, 2019
- ❖ II – The Teachings (9:51- 19:27)
  - ❖ October, 2019 – Spring, 2020
- ❖ III – Jerusalem (19:28 – 24:53)
  - ❖ Fall, 2020 or Spring, 2021

# Who is Jesus?

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- ❖ Savior
- ❖ Christ
- ❖ Lord
- ❖ Son of David
- ❖ Son of Abraham
- ❖ Son of Adam
- ❖ Son of God
- ❖ Son of Man
- ❖ Suffering Servant
- ❖ Lamb of God
- ❖ Healer
- ❖ Great Teacher
- ❖ “Holy One of God”
- ❖ Bridegroom

# Who is Jesus?

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- ❖ Lord of the Sabbath
  - ❖ A great prophet
  - ❖ “Master”
  - ❖ “Son of the Most High God”
  - ❖ God’s Messiah
- ❖ “My Son, whom I have chosen”

# Northern Israel

in the time of Christ

GREAT SEA  
(The Mediterranean)

Ashkelon

Phoenicia

PTOLEMAIS

Galilee

CAPERNAUM

BETHSAIDA

CANA

SEA OF GALILEE

NAZARETH

CAESAREA

Decapolis

Samaría

JOPPA

Judea

JORDAN RIVER

BETHEL

JERICO

JERUSALEM

BETHANY

BETHLEHEM

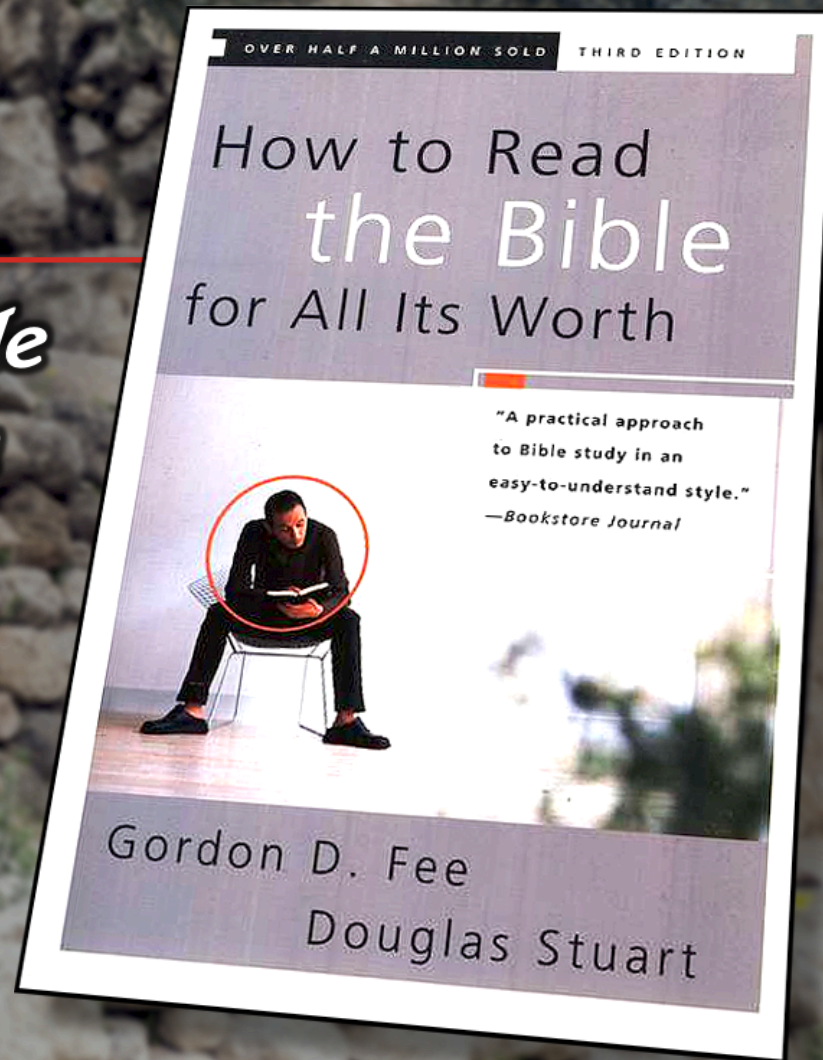
SALT SEA

Arabia





*How to Read the Bible  
for All Its Worth*  
— Fee and Stuart



# Augustine's allegorization:

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- ❖ Victim = Adam
- ❖ Thieves = Devil and his angels
- ❖ Priest and Levite = Old Covenant
- ❖ Samaritan = Jesus
- ❖ Inn = church
- ❖ Innkeeper = Paul

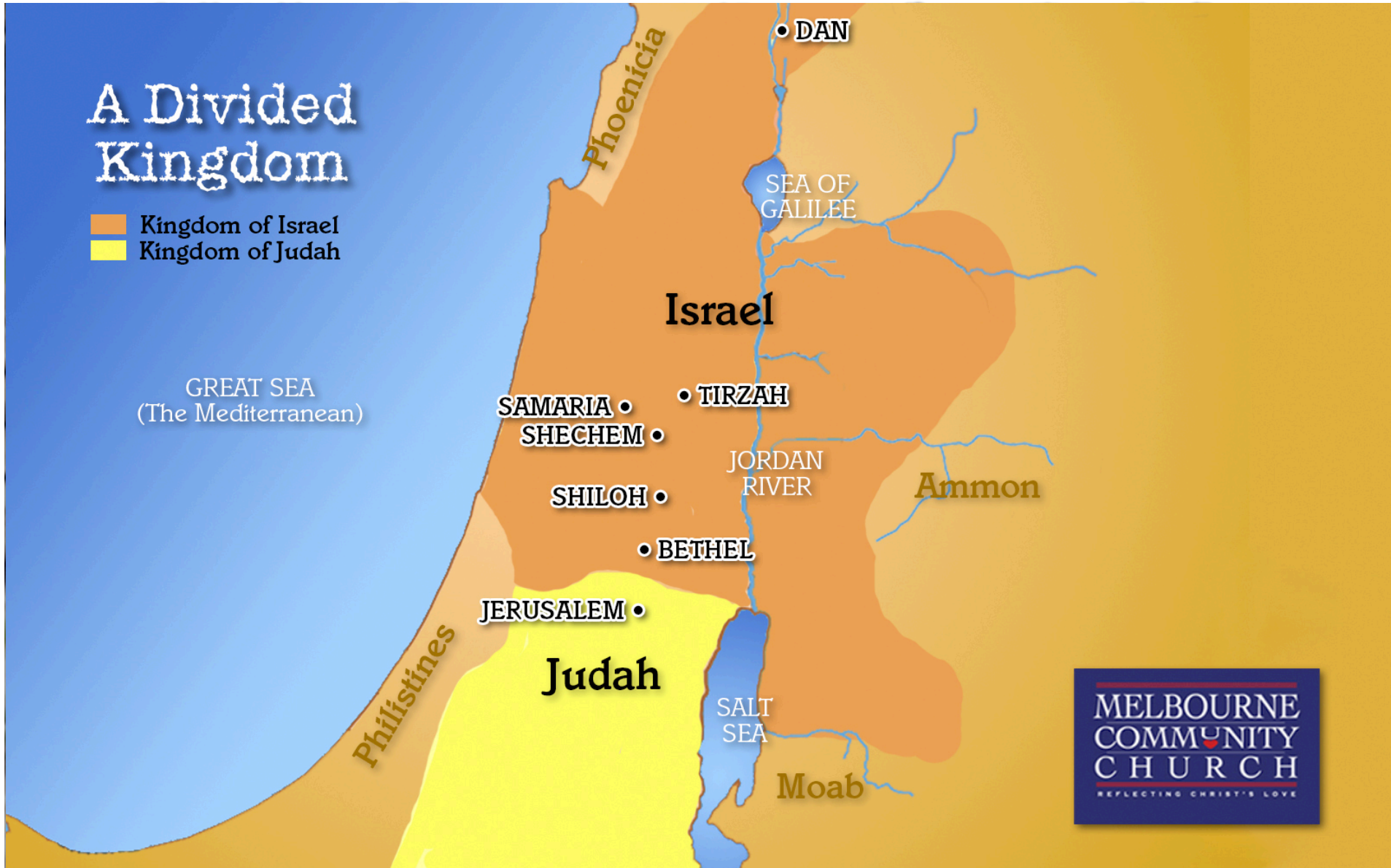
## Tools for parables:

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- ❖ Consider the audience and context.
- ❖ Look for the surprise.
- ❖ Pay careful attention to the end.
- ❖ Ask, “What response does Jesus expect?”

# A Divided Kingdom

- Kingdom of Israel
- Kingdom of Judah



## Samaria:

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- ❖ Capital city of northern kingdom established by Jeroboam
- ❖ Conquered by Assyrians, 722 BC
- ❖ Built temple on Mount Gerazim, 388 BC
  - ❖ destroyed by John Hyrcanus, 128 BC
  - ❖ rebuilt by Herod the Great



## Six characters:

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❖ Victim

❖ Robbers

❖ Priest

❖ Levite

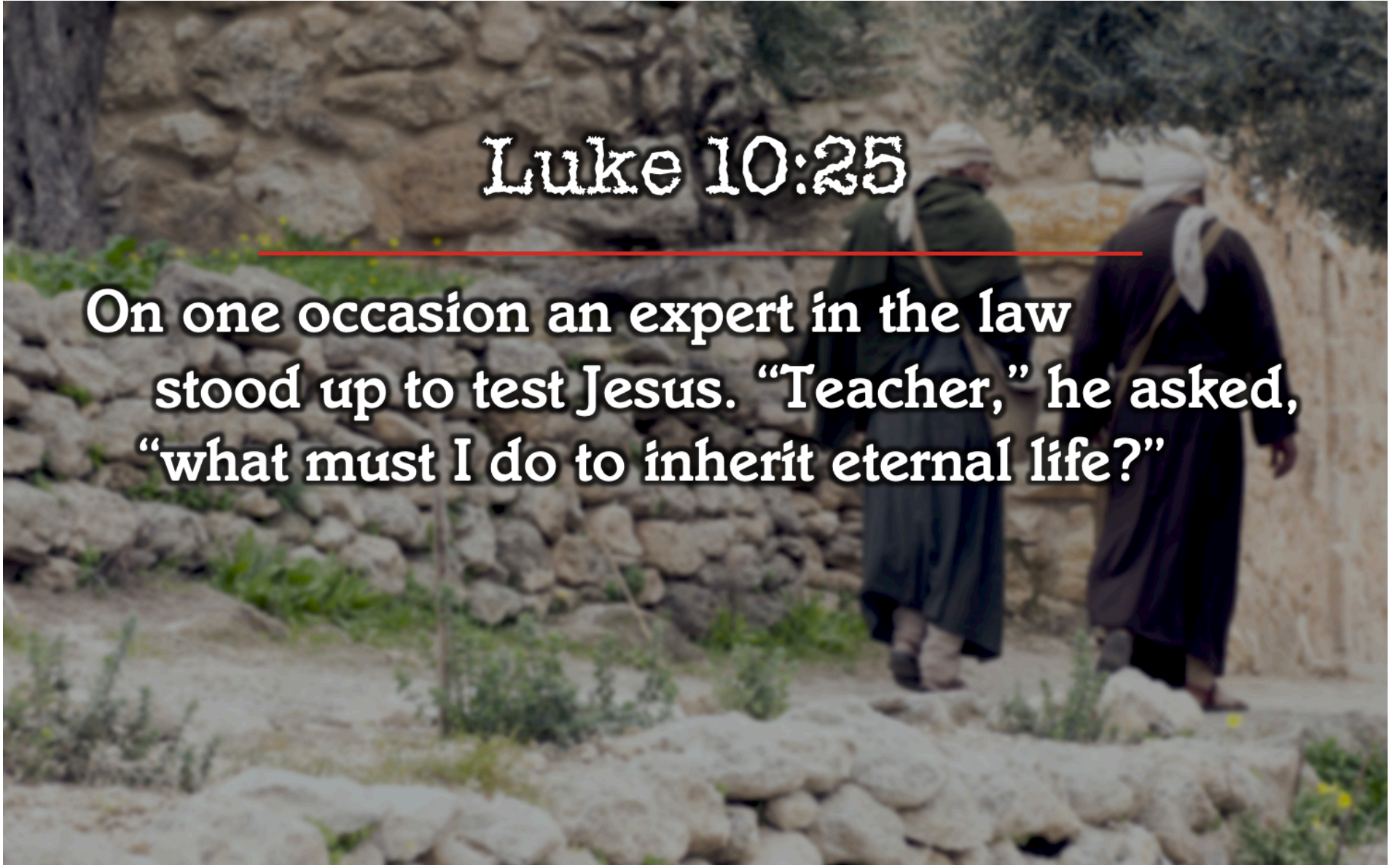
❖ Samaritan

❖ Innkeeper

## Luke 10:25

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On one occasion an expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. “Teacher,” he asked, “what must I do to inherit eternal life?”



A photograph of two men in traditional, dark-colored robes and head coverings walking away from the camera on a rocky, uneven path. The path is bordered by a low stone wall on the left and a taller wall on the right. The background shows a rocky hillside with some sparse vegetation. The text "What must I do to be saved?" is overlaid in a white, pixelated font at the top of the image, with a red horizontal line underneath it.

# “What must I do to be saved?”

- ❖ Matthew 19:16-22
- ❖ Luke 18:18-23
- ❖ John 3:1-15



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**Luke 10:26**

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**“What is written in the Law?” he replied.  
“How do you read it?”**



## Luke 10:27

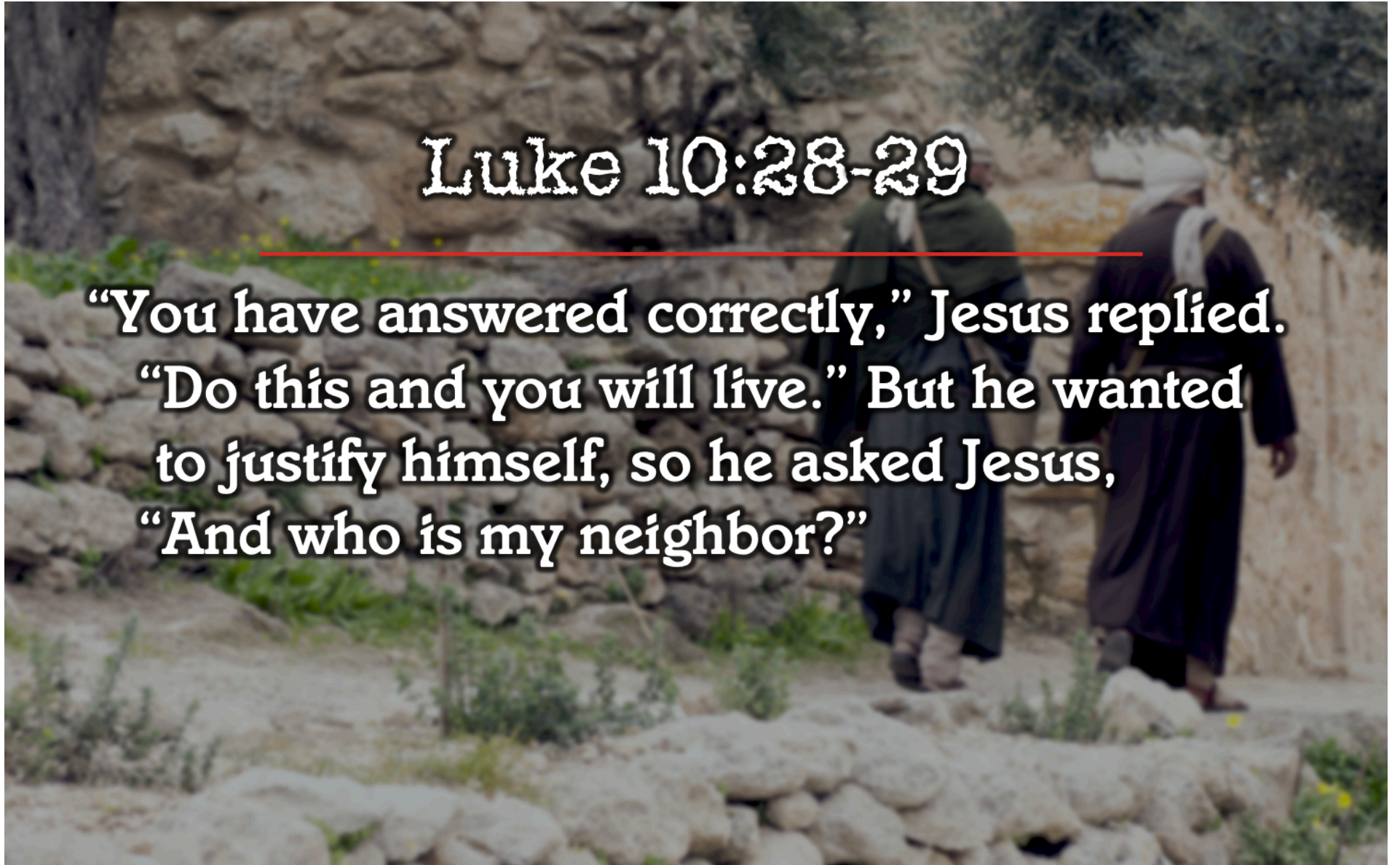
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He answered, “Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind’ (Deuteronomy 6:5); and, ‘Love your neighbor as yourself (Leviticus 19:18).”

## Luke 10:28-29

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**“You have answered correctly,” Jesus replied. “Do this and you will live.” But he wanted to justify himself, so he asked Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?”**



## Bars to hear?

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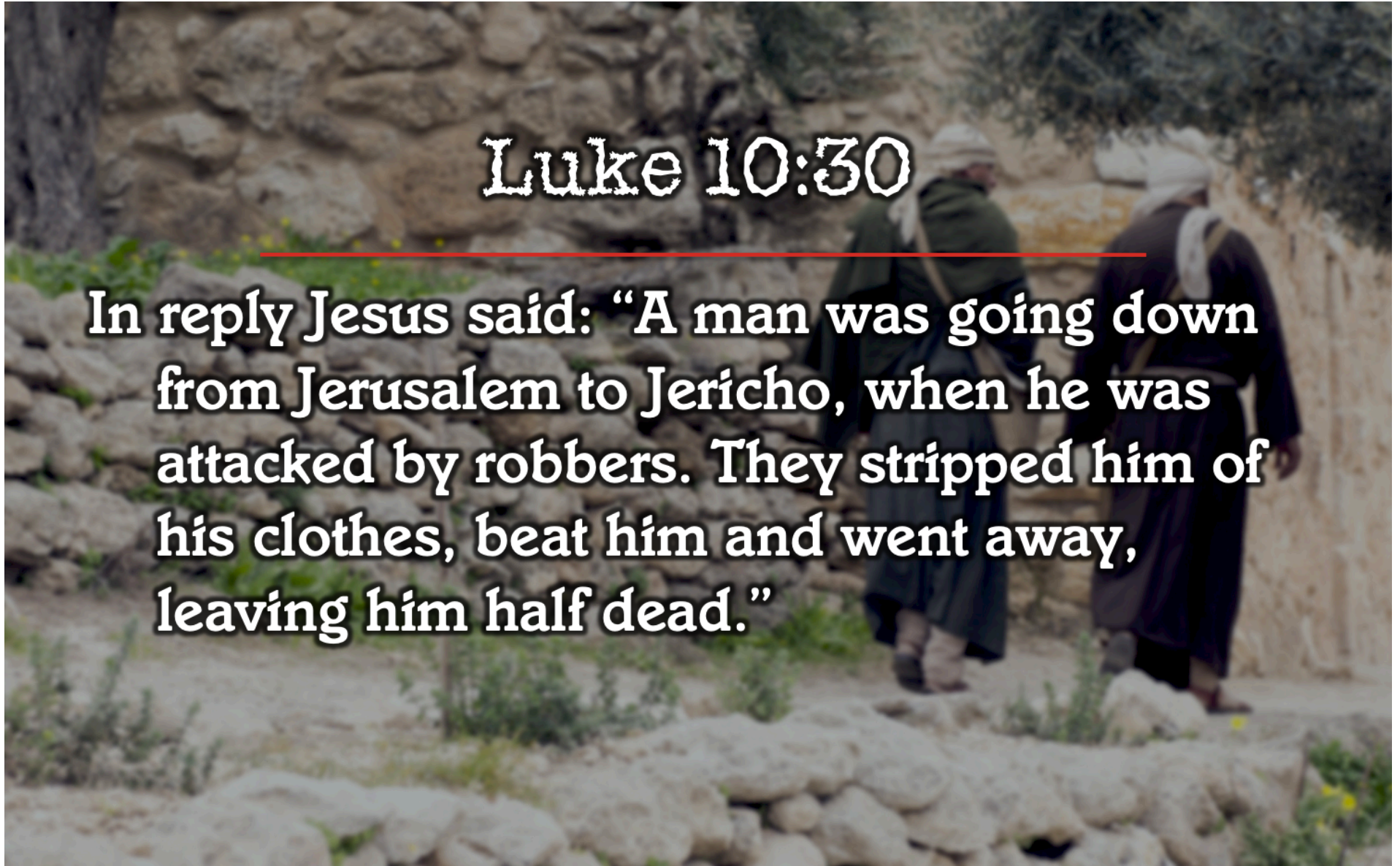
- ❖ “to test Jesus” (verse 25)
- ❖ “to justify himself” (verse 29)



## Luke 10:30

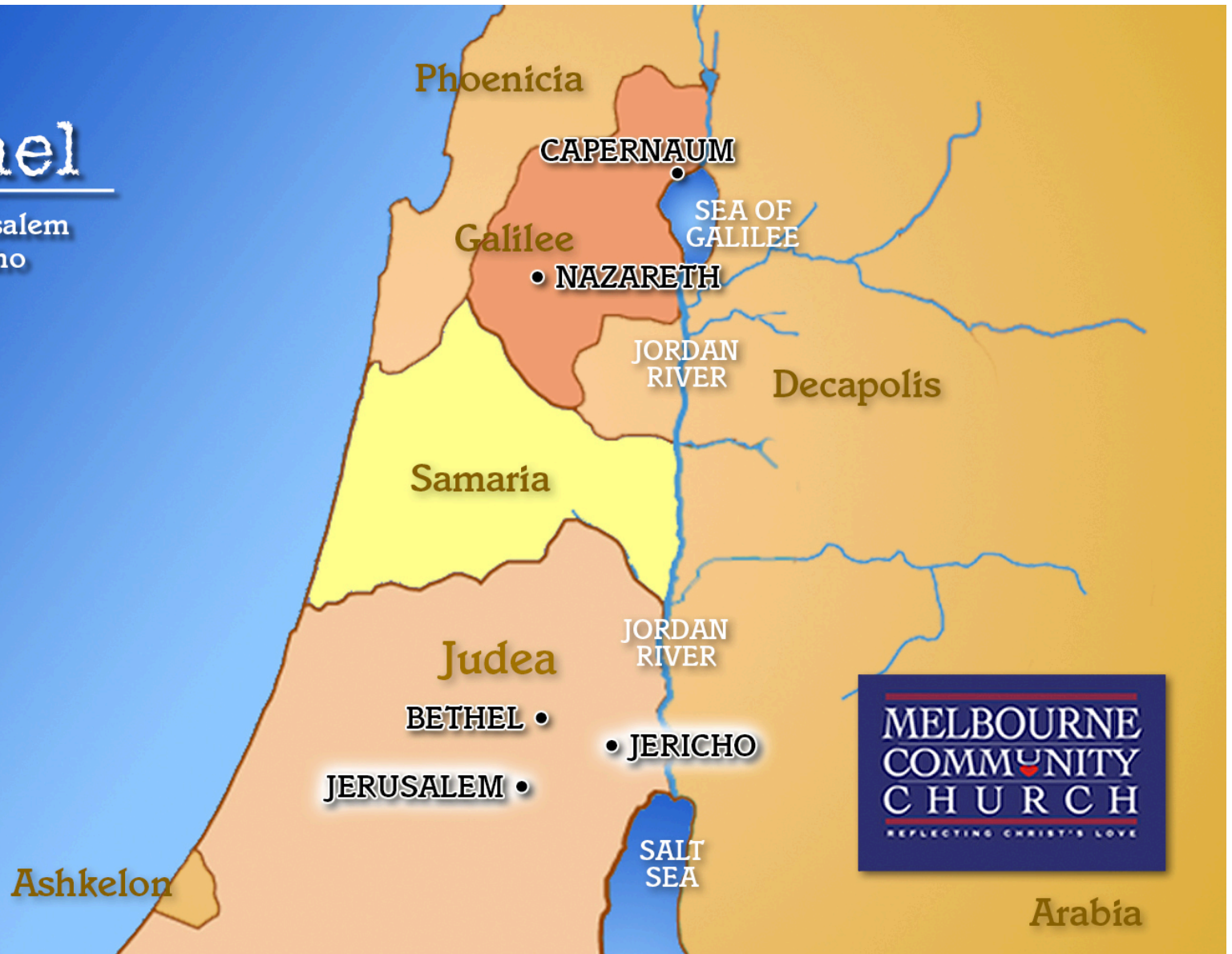
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In reply Jesus said: “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, when he was attacked by robbers. They stripped him of his clothes, beat him and went away, leaving him half dead.”



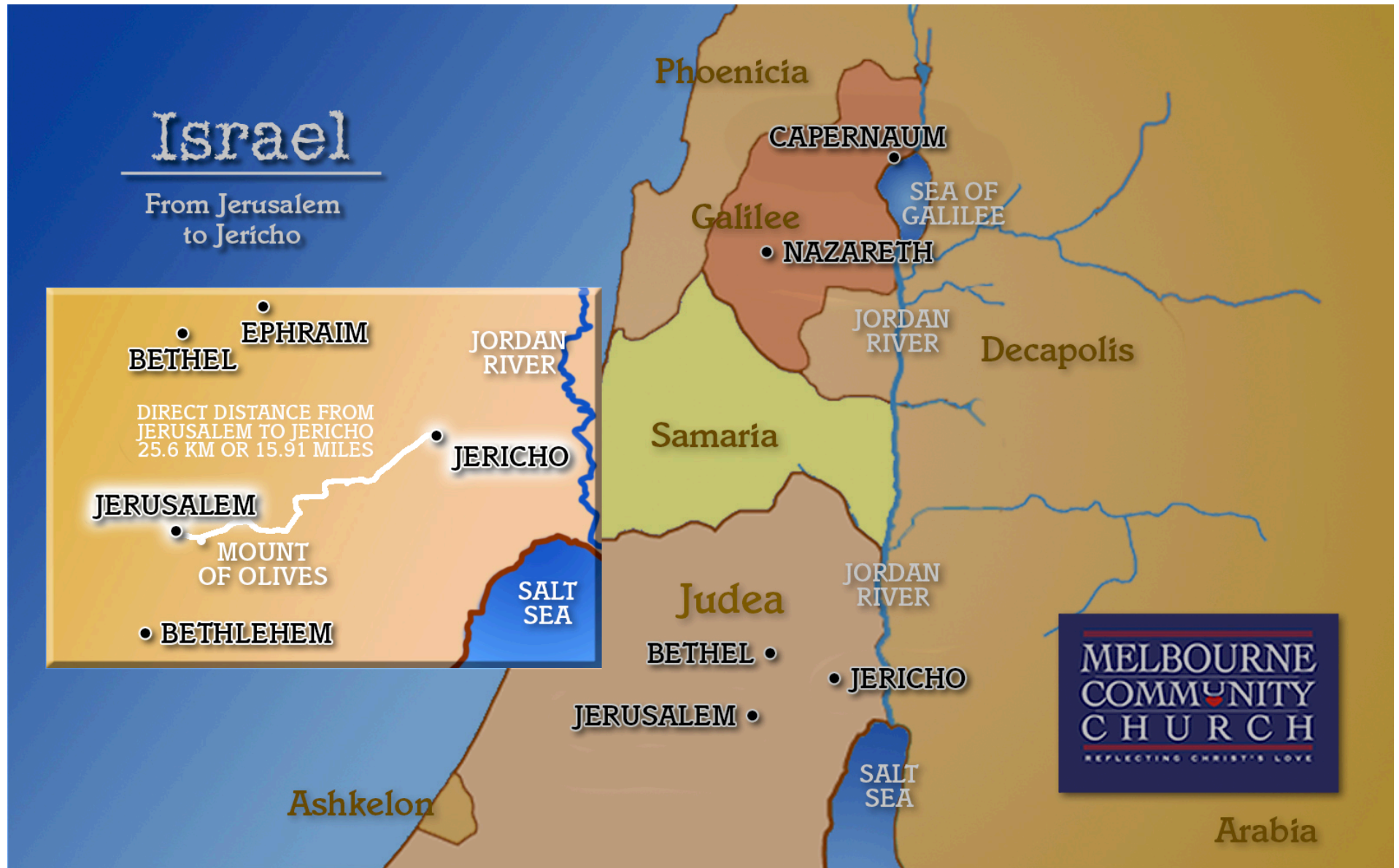
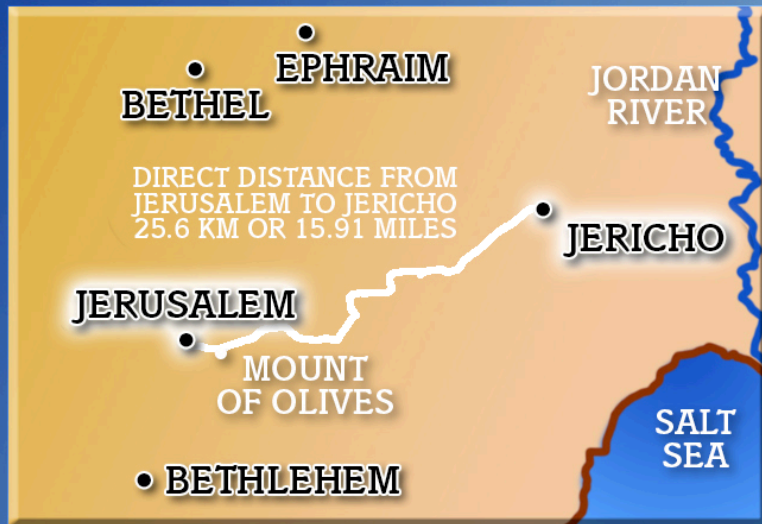
# Israel

From Jerusalem  
to Jericho



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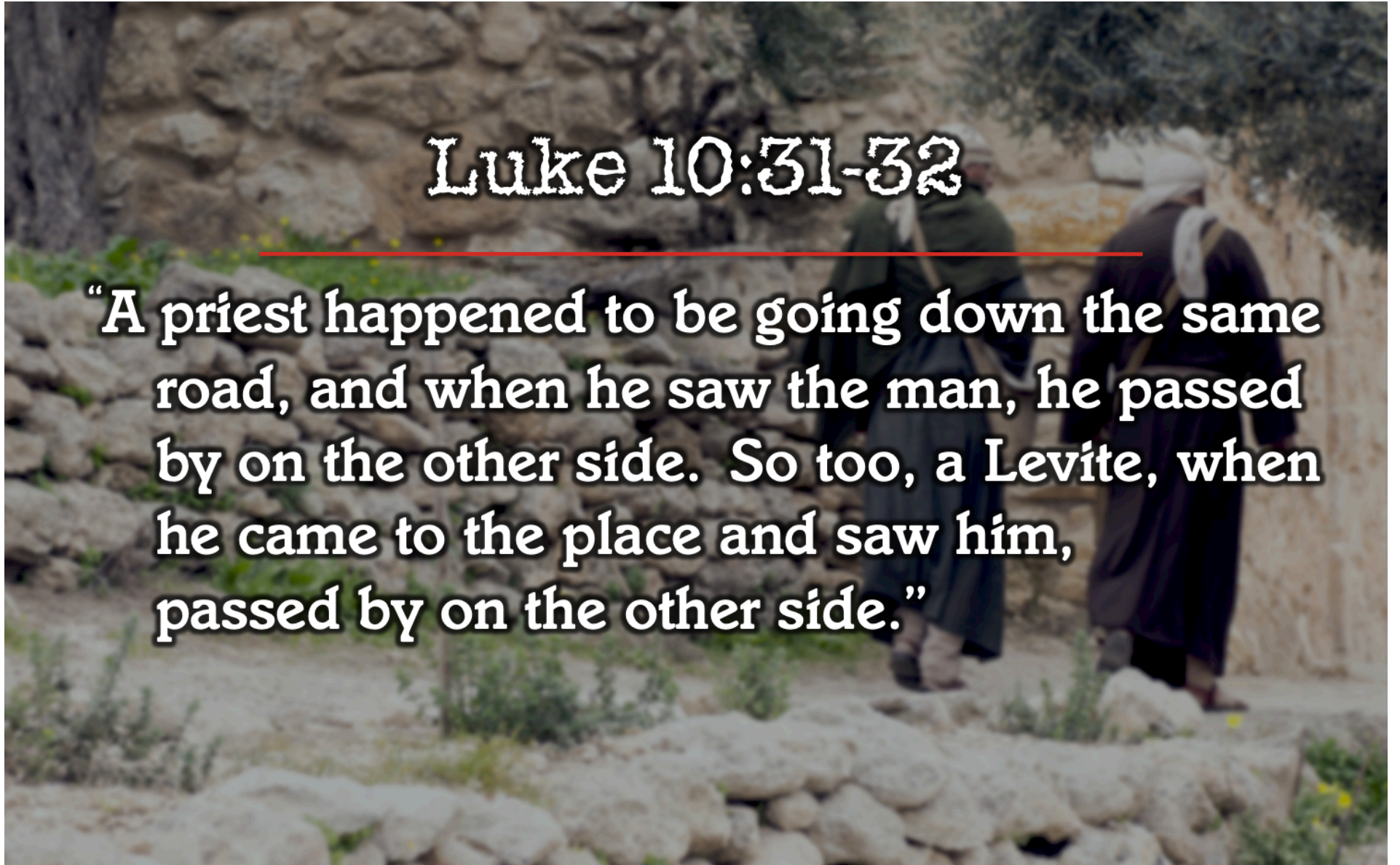
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## Luke 10:31-32

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**“A priest happened to be going down the same road, and when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. So too, a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side.”**





A photograph of two men in traditional Jewish attire, including long dark robes and white head coverings, walking away from the camera on a stone path. The background is a rustic stone wall and some greenery.

Priest = *kohen*

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- ❖ Descendant of Aaron
- ❖ Cohen
- ❖ Kane

# Levite

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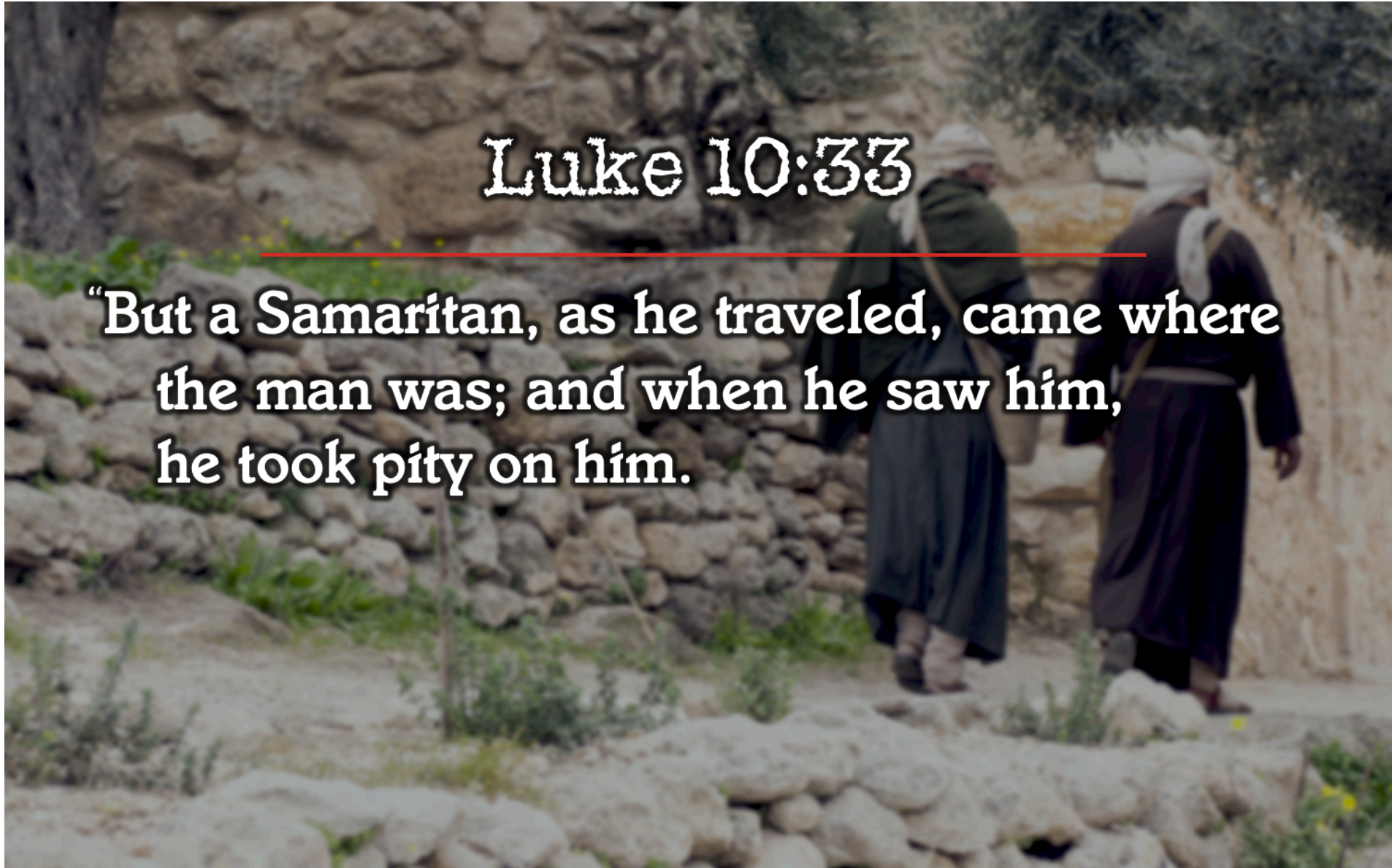
- ❖ From the tribe of Levi
- ❖ Levine
- ❖ Lewis



## Luke 10:33

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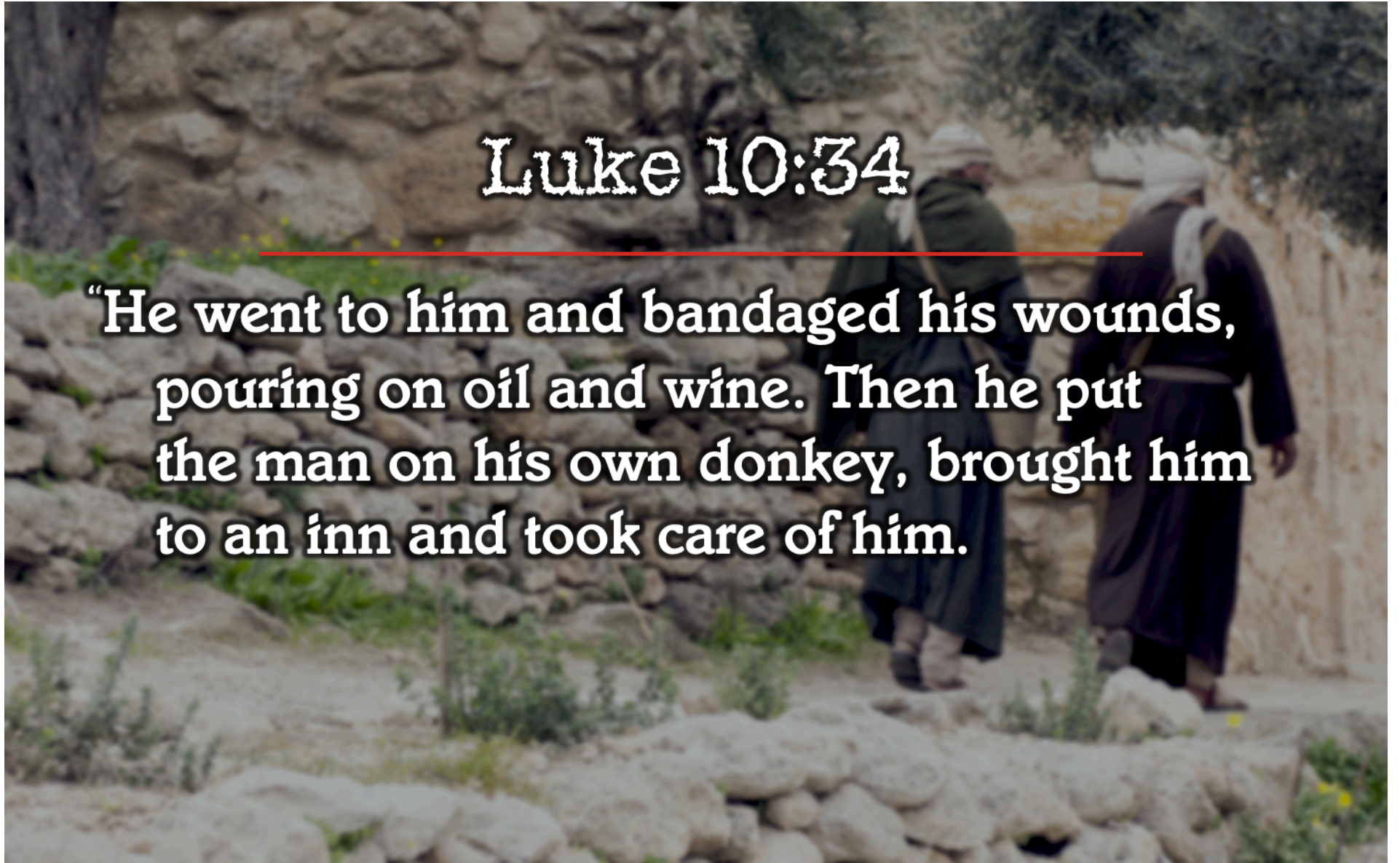
**“But a Samaritan, as he traveled, came where the man was; and when he saw him, he took pity on him.**



## Luke 10:34

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**“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.**





## Luke 10:35

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**“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.’**

## Luke 10:36-37

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**“Which of these three do you think was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of robbers?” The expert in the law replied, “The one who had mercy on him.” Jesus told him, “Go and do likewise.”**



Anne Lamott:

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**“You can safely assume you’ve created God  
in your image when it turns out that God  
hates all the same people you do.”**

# What have we learned?

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# Are you being called?

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- ❖ To receive Christ
- ❖ To become a member of Melbourne Community Church
- ❖ To pray / to receive prayer
- ❖ To affirm or reaffirm a commitment
- ❖ To receive the Lord's Supper

# Life Begins in the Womb

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❖ Luke 1:15

❖ Luke 1:41

❖ Psalm 22:9-10

❖ Psalm 139:13

❖ Isaiah 49:1

❖ Jeremiah 1:4-5

