

## "The Problem Between Jerusalem and Jericho"

In the Footsteps of Jesus Sermon Series

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Introduction: All good stories have a beginning and an ending.

Jesus' story starts in a cave in a m\_\_\_\_\_ and ends in a cave with a s\_\_\_\_\_ rolled away.

In the middle is a p\_\_\_\_\_. For Jesus, it was the Pharisees.

Luke 10:25 & 29, We want to "t\_\_\_\_\_" Jesus and "justify" ourselves before Him. This is to be in opposition to Jesus' way.

The stories all happen in a context and look for a "way out" a salvation plot. – Eugene Peterson (Battle or Journey)

"The l\_\_\_\_\_ is the fifth gospel." – Kristen Brown, Missionary

### I. The Jericho Road – Luke 10:30-37

Jerusalem is 2,300 feet \_\_\_\_\_ sea level and Jericho is nearly 1,300 feet \_\_\_\_\_ sea level next to the dead sea; a drop of roughly 3,600 feet in less than 20 miles.

The p\_\_\_\_\_ represented the highest religious leadership.

Anyone who touched a \_\_\_\_\_ man was unclean for seven days.

The Levite was the designated lay-associate of the p\_\_\_\_\_.

The Levite's motto was "S\_\_\_\_\_ first!"

The Samaritan was a hated foreigner. As the third in the story, the listener would have expected the \_\_\_\_\_.

Oil and wine were ancient m\_\_\_\_\_.

### II. Jericho vs. Jerusalem

Jericho is one of the world's \_\_\_\_\_ cities with \_\_\_\_\_ layers of civilization found dating back to 8,000 BCE.

Jerusalem is the world's most r\_\_\_\_\_ city with holy sites for Jews, Muslims, and Christians.

### III. We \_\_\_\_\_ live between Jericho and Jerusalem.

Jesus judges us not by our creed but by our life.

Jesus' teaching is 1. We must be prepared to \_\_\_\_\_ even if they brought it on themselves. 2. Our neighbors are from \_\_\_\_\_ nation, 3. The help must be p\_\_\_\_\_.

Action Point: Luke 18:35-43 – Go and do likewise.

Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. 'Teacher,' he said, 'what must I do to inherit eternal life?' He said to him, 'What is written in the law? What do you read there?' He answered, 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbour as yourself.' And he said to him, 'You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live.'

But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, 'And who is my neighbour?'

Luke 10: 25-29



