THE GOSPEL OF LUKE
Jesus Christ the Son of Man
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THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:
"What Is Man’s Greatest Issue?"
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The Son of God, and The Son of Man

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Introduction to the Text;  
Luke 10:25-37

The Theme and Textual Summation of the Passage

What Is “Man’s Greatest ISSUE?”
It sounds like one of the categories on jeopardy

I’ll Take
“What Is Man’s Greatest ISSUE?”
for 500

“The Lord Jesus Christ”
is Man’s Greatest Issue

Luke 10:25-37
And behold, a certain lawyer stood up and tested Him, saying, “Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?” :26 He said to him, “What is written in the law? What is your reading of it?” :27 So he answered and said, “You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind,’ and ‘your neighbor as yourself.’ ” :28 And He said to him, “You have answered rightly; do this and you will live.” :29 But he, wanting to justify himself, said to Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?”
Luke 10:30-35
Then Jesus answered and said: “A certain man went down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell among thieves, who stripped him of his clothing, wounded him, and departed, leaving him half dead. :31 Now by chance a certain priest came down that road. And when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. :32 Likewise a Levite, when he arrived at the place, came and looked, and passed by on the other side. :33 But a certain Samaritan, as he journeyed, came where he was. And when he saw him, he had compassion. :34 So he went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine; and he set him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. :35 On the next day, when he departed, he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said to him, “Take care of him; and whatever more you spend, when I come again, I will repay you.’

Luke 10:36
So which of these three do you think was neighbor to him who fell among the thieves?”

Luke 10:37
And he said, “He who showed mercy on him.”
Then Jesus said to him, “Go and do likewise.”

“**What Is Man’s Greatest Issue?**”
Everyone has issues about something.
When we talk about issues we’re talking about those things that matter a great deal to us.

But, what are the issues, do we even know what the greatest issue of all really is?

“**What Is Man’s Greatest Issue?**”

1.) It’s not what he knows

**It’s Not What He Knows**

1a.) It isn’t Education

**Verse 25-26**

And behold, a certain lawyer stood up and tested Him, saying, “Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?” :26 Jesus said to him, “What is written in the law? What is your reading of it?”
Have you ever met a man like this?
The answer is yes, this is the man how knows more than God.

tested
(to trip or cause to stumble)

(1)
I Know Enough

It’s Not What You Know, It’s Who You Know

(2)
what shall I do to inherit eternal life

It’s Not What You Know, It’s Who You Know

God has no grandchildren

IT’S NOT WHAT HE KNOWS

1b.) It isn’t Correctness

Verse 27-27

:27 So the Lawyer answered and said, “You shall love the LORD your God… (1) with all your heart, (2) with all your soul, (3) with all your strength, and (4) with all your mind,’ and (5) [You shall love] ‘your neighbor as yourself.’

with all your heart
καρδία kardia, kar-dee´-ah;
the thoughts or feelings. the core of a person.

with all your soul
ψυχή psyche, psoo-khay´;
ones breath, the rational, immortal soul, one’s vitality.

with all your strength
ισχύς ischus, is-khoos´;
usefulness, ability, physical power.

with all your mind
διάνοια dianoia, dee-an´-oy-ah;
your deep thoughts, your meditations, to wonder or to muse.
the imagination, mind, understanding.
He Knew The Answer, But He Wasn’t Living The Answer
This Is The Danger of Head-Knowledge,
Knowing What To Do And To Not Doing It Is The Worst Of All.
Because Knowledge Carries With It Performance.

This was What He Knew

Lev. 19:18b
...you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the LORD.

Gal. 5:14
For all the law is fulfilled in one word, even in this:
“You shall love your neighbor as yourself.”

It’s Not What He Knows

1c. It isn’t Ambition

Verse 28-29

And Jesus said to him, “You have answered rightly; do this and you will live.” :29 But he, wanting to justify himself, said to Jesus, - - “And who is my neighbor?”

Desiring to justify himself.

δικαιόω dikaioo, dik-ah-yo´-o; self-promotion, to put yourself forward, to declare your innocence’s. to righteousness

We will not be judge by our creed, but by our deeds.

“…and who is my neighbor?”

a Hollywood scene:
This is that moment when, those saloon doors swinging open and there’s a silence that falls over the room…

“What Is Man’s Greatest Issue?”

2. It’s not who he is v.30-35
It’s Not Who He Is

2a.) Being religious doesn’t help him

Verse 30-31

Luke 10:30-31
Then Jesus answered and said: “A certain man went down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell among thieves, who stripped him of his clothing, wounded him, and departed, leaving him half dead. :31 Now by chance a certain priest came down that road. And when he saw him, he passed by on the other side.

The Road to Jericho was the “Red Road” or “Blood Road”
a dangerous and notorious footpath, but it was a direct walk home to Jericho for the priests. at the time of Jesus, some 12,000 priests lived in Jericho. 24 priests per month served in the temple in Jerusalem. (24)

This Was His (their) Religion

Deut. 6:4-7
“Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one! :5 You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength. :6 “And these words which I command you today shall be in your heart. :7 You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up.

James 1:25
But he who looks into the perfect law of liberty and continues in it, and is not a forgetful hearer but a doer of the work, this one will be blessed in what he does.

Rom. 3:20
Therefore by the deeds of the law no flesh will be justified in His sight, for by the law is the knowledge of sin.

“…and who is my neighbor?”
Whoever is in need of help, is our neighbor!

It’s Not Who He Is

2b.) Being faithful doesn’t help him
Likewise a **Levite**, when he arrived at the place, **came** and **looked**, and passed by on the other side.

**we came, we looked, and we left**

“Let someone else take care of the guy, I’ve got things to do.

**Watch Out When You’re Leaving the Temple**

This man was going back home from Jerusalem to Jericho after having performed his religious duties (things that do not matter to god when your heart is in the wrong place).

**going through the motions - without e-motions**

**A “Mindless Repetition” Doesn’t Make You a Child of God**

maybe it’s a written prayer, a routine, a rosary, the mindless repeat.

**Would we talk to a human that way ?**

**IT’S NOT WHO HE IS**

2c.)  **Being concerned** doesn’t help him

**Verse 33-35**

:33 But a **certain** Samaritan, as he journeyed, came where he was. And when he saw him, he had compassion. :34 So he went to **him** and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine; and he set him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. :35 On the next day, when he departed, he took out two denarii, gave **them** to the innkeeper, and said to him, “Take care of him; and whatever more you spend, when I come again, I will repay you.’

**A Samaritan ? What ?**

Ex. 23:4-5

“If you meet your enemy’s ox or his donkey going astray, you shall surely bring it back to him again. :5 If you see the donkey of one who hates you lying under its burden, and you would refrain from helping it, you shall surely help him with it.

A real person would say – “I got that”.

A religious person would say – “I don’t see any ox or donkey”.
James 1:26

If anyone among you thinks he is religious, and does not bridle his tongue but deceives his own heart, this one’s religion is useless. :27 Pure and undefiled religion before God and the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their trouble, and to keep oneself unspotted from the world.

That Samaritan?

Verse 34-35

So he went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine; and he set him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. :35 On the next day, when he departed, he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said to him, “Take care of him; and whatever more you spend, when I come again, I will repay you.’

two denari = 24 days worth of food & lodge
and the number of priests representing the Lord and the People…
(24 priests)

“What Is Man’s Greatest Issue?”

3.) It’s not what he says v.36

Verse 36

So which of these three do you think was neighbor to him who fell among the thieves?”

It’s Not What He Says

3a.) What he said he believed in didn’t work

Verse 36

This is a picture of real hypocrisy,
to know what to do and then not doing it.

When the time comes for suffering,
words matter the least.

if there was ever a time for action, its when someone’s in need of help.
We can talk the talk but involvement confirms our confession.
We can say anything about ourselves, but is what we say by words equal to what we do by deeds.

Gal. 2:16
knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law but by faith in Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Christ Jesus, that we might be justified by faith in Christ and not by the works of the law; for by the works of the law no flesh shall be justified.

James 2:17-18
Thus also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead. :18 But someone will say, “You have faith, and I have works.” Show me your faith without your works, and I will show you my faith by my works.

It’s Not What He Says

3b.) What he said he had was of no value

Verse 36
So which of these three do you think was neighbor to him who fell among the thieves?”

Actions speak louder than words.
Christianity is not a “collection of sayings” or “a macramé of clichés”
“What we believe can only become believable when others see what we believe.”

If you love me, I’m going to know that, you’ll express it to me.

1John 2:9-10
He who says he is in the light, and hates his brother, is in darkness until now. :10 He who loves his brother abides in the light, and there is no cause for stumbling in him.

1John 3:16-18
By this we know love, because He laid down His life for us. And we also ought to lay down our lives for the brethren. :17 But whoever has this world’s goods, and sees his brother in need, and shuts up his heart from him, how does the love of God abide in him? :18 My little children, let us not love in word or in tongue, but in deed and in truth.
“What Is Man’s Greatest Issue?”

4.) It’s not what he **does**

**It’s Not What He Does**

4a.) It’s the **motive**

**Verse 37**

And he said, “He who **showed** mercy on him.”
Then Jesus said to him, “Go and do likewise.”

**Mission Impossible**

What Jesus gives the lawyer is an impossible task for the man to perform. – because he’s missing the greatest issue

1Cor. 13:1-3

Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I have become sounding brass or a clanging cymbal. :2 And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. :3 And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, but have not love, it profits me nothing.

What a sad moment here.

There is no confession, there is not conviction, and there is no repentance.
This leaves us from the pages…

Gal. 6:10 Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all, especially to those who are of the household of faith.

Jesus tells the man to go and do what he has tied on his arm and forehead.

**The Phylactery**

Look at your hand // look between your eyes // what do you see, the answer is there!

**Our Modern Day Phylacteries**
Jesus said, “Go and do likewise.”

**Mic. 6:8**
He has shown you, O man, what is good; And what does the LORD require of you But to do justly, To love mercy, And to walk humbly with your God?

Those of You Called Christian;
what proof is coming out of your life that supports that claim?

It’s Time To Ask The Question

**What's In It For Me?**

This is What’s In It for You

**Consider This;**

On Jeopardy, they give you the answer, and you’re expected to know the question.

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**What Is; “Man’s Greatest Issue?”**

“Who is The Lord Jesus Christ?”

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