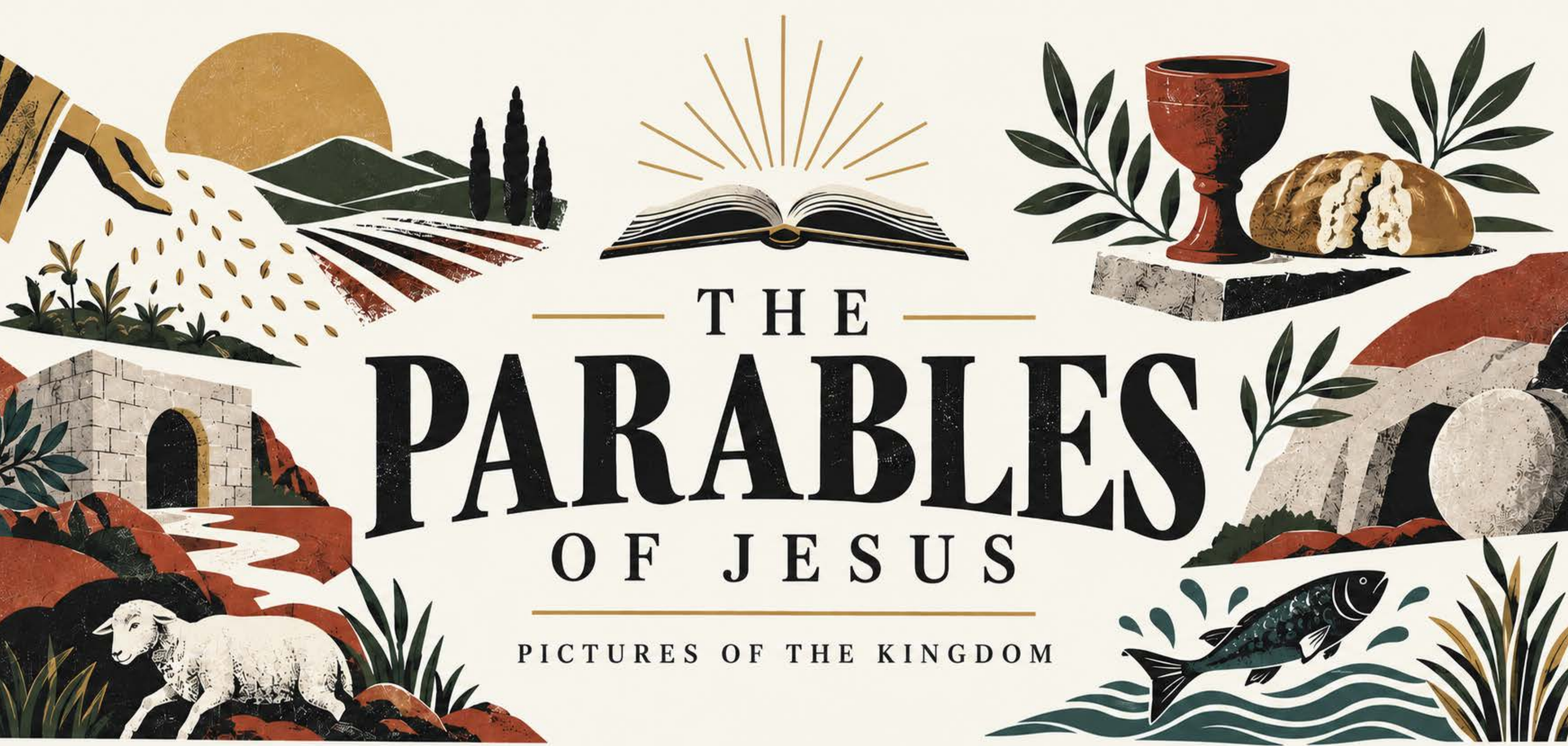




THE
PARABLES
OF JESUS

PICTURES OF THE KINGDOM

***parable* //** a story from everyday life used to illustrate a moral truth. It is the primary method Jesus used to teach about the kingdom of God.

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COMPLETE EXPOSITORY DICTIONARY OF OLD & NEW TESTAMENT WORDS



THE PRIEST

RELIGION

THE LEVITE

STATUS

THE SAMARITAN

ENEMY

FIRST-CENTURY ISRAELITE & SAMARITAN CONFLICT

- **Ethnic Conflict:** Israelites viewed Samaritans as ethnically and religiously compromised because they had intermingled with gentiles settled in Israel after the Assyrian conquest in 722 B.C. (2 Kings 17:24).
- **Worship Conflict:** Israelites worshiped at Jerusalem, while Samaritans claimed Mount Gerizim as the proper place of worship (John 4:20).
- **Violent Conflict:** Israelites destroyed the Samaritan temple on Mount Gerizim around (128 B.C.). Later, Samaritans killed Jewish pilgrims, prompting violent Jewish retaliation.



LUKE 10:25-28

THE LAWYER'S TEST

²⁵ And behold, a lawyer stood up to put him to the test, saying, “Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?” ²⁶ He said to him, “What is written in the Law? How do you read it?” ²⁷ And 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 neighbor as yourself.” ²⁸ And he said to him, “You have answered correctly; do this, and you will live.”

LUKE 10:25-28



LUKE 10:29-35

BEING NEIGHBORS IN THE KINGDOM



²⁹ But he, desiring to justify himself, said to Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?”
³⁰ Jesus replied, “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he fell among robbers, who stripped him and beat him and departed, leaving him half dead. ³¹ Now by chance a priest was going down that road, and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. ³² So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side.

LUKE 10:29-32

³³ But a Samaritan, as he journeyed, came to where he was, and when he saw him, he had compassion. ³⁴ He went to him and bound up his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he set him on his own animal and brought him to an inn and took care of him. ³⁵ And the next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper, saying, 'Take care of him, and whatever more you spend, I will repay you when I come back.'

LUKE 10:33-35

From the example of the Priest and the Levite comes the principle that **religious status** or **strict rule keeping** never excuses a failure to love our neighbor.

INTERPRETATION OF EPISODE 1

From the Samaritan comes the principle that **we must show compassion** to people in desperate need, regardless of the religious or ethnic barriers that divide us.

INTERPRETATION OF EPISODE 2



LUKE 10:36-37

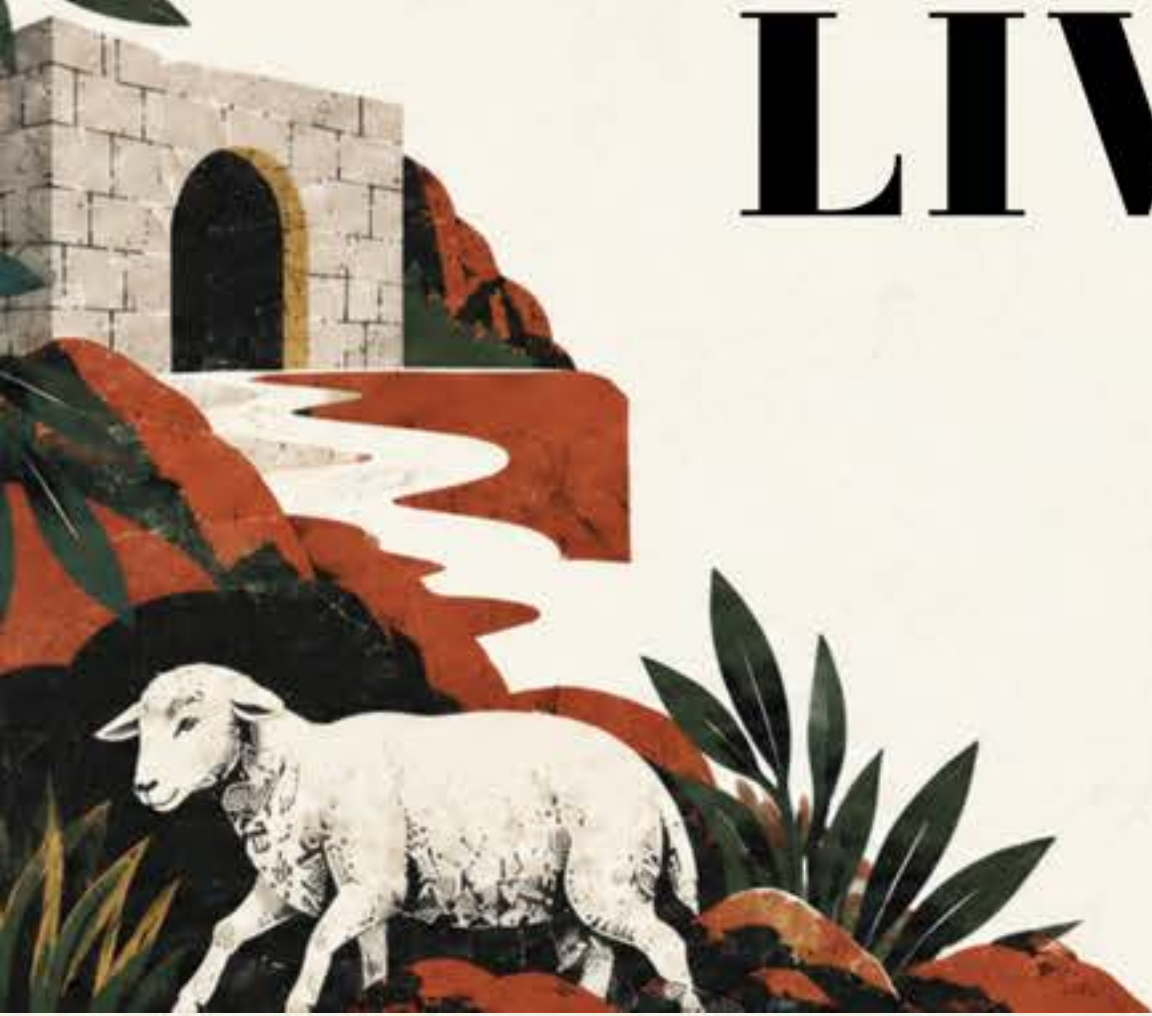
THE COMMAND TO GO AND DO LIKEWISE

³⁶ Which of these three, do you think, proved to be a neighbor to the man who fell among the robbers?" ³⁷ He said, "The one who showed him mercy." And Jesus said to him, "You go, and do likewise."

LUKE 10:36-37

From the man in the ditch comes the lesson that
even our enemy is our neighbor.

INTERPRETATION OF EPISODE 3



LIVE THE TEXT



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1. **Collect** in-person neighbors, on purpose.
 2. **Interrupt** your plans to act with compassion.
 3. **Bear** the cost of showing mercy.
 4. **Cross** barriers to love your neighbor.

LIVE THE TEXT