

## VV STUDY NOTES: 4<sup>th</sup> June 2022

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### *The Seventy and the Samaritan*

#### Scriptures: Luke 10: 1-37

Jesus often travelled through Samaria. The Samaritans and Jewish communities had an intense dislike for each other. Despite this Jesus went out of his way to minister to the Samaritans. Luke 9: 51-55. One village refused to welcome him because he was on his way to Jerusalem. James and John displayed the normal Jewish attitude by suggesting calling down fire from heaven to destroy them. What other prejudices did the disciples display?

#### **## IS FAKE INFORMATION the basis for discrimination and the demeaning of others?**

- Can anything good come out of Nazareth?
- John 7:48 "Aren't we right in saying that you are a Samaritan and demon-possessed."
- He is a friend of tax-collectors and sinners!
- Etc, Etc, Etc..

#### **THE SEVENTY (Luke 10: 1-24)**

#### **## There is one KEY difference between the mission of the 12 and the Seventy? What is it?**

**Why did Jesus give the instruction he did? Do they make sense?**

- Why two by two?
- No purse or bag or sandals
- Don't greet anyone on the road
- Peace on this house! (Is this a magical gift of common sense?)
- Do not move from house to house.
- Moving on if not welcomed

Is it possible the naming of Chorazin, Bethsaida and Capernaum, is based on what happened when the 70 went to them?

**In Luke 6: 17- 7: 10** we have Luke's account of a sermon that is the Sermon on the Mount or a parallel sermon. The outline is as follows:

- Blessing and Woes
- Love for Enemies
- Judging Others
- A Tree and Its Fruit
- The Wise and Foolish Builders

Followed by the Faith of the Centurion ... who of course was a Gentile.

## **THE PARABLE OF THE GOOD SAMARITAN (Luke 10: 25-37)**

**Trying to understand today's passages without the backdrop of the detailed teaching of Jesus in LUKE 6 & 7 is an act of futility!**

Luke was familiar with the Jewish way of thinking, but he was also aware of the inbuilt prejudices of Jews including many of the Apostles. Mark and Matthew wrote to a Jewish audience. Luke wrote to Gentiles. He seems to have deliberately focused on Jesus' spirit of openness to non-Jews and Samaritans. In the light of the Gospel being preached to the Gentiles Luke was deliberately spreading some fresh thinking to keep the balance the church needed for its future.

Mark and Matthew concur on Jesus' response to the expert in the law but chose not to include the PARABLE.

### **## IS THE PARABLE VITAL TO OUR UNDERSTANDING OF THE MISSION OF JESUS?**

Why does Jesus introduce the 3 characters: PRIEST, LEVITE, SAMARITAN?

What value does it have in our lives today?

What prejudices impair the witness of the church in our age?