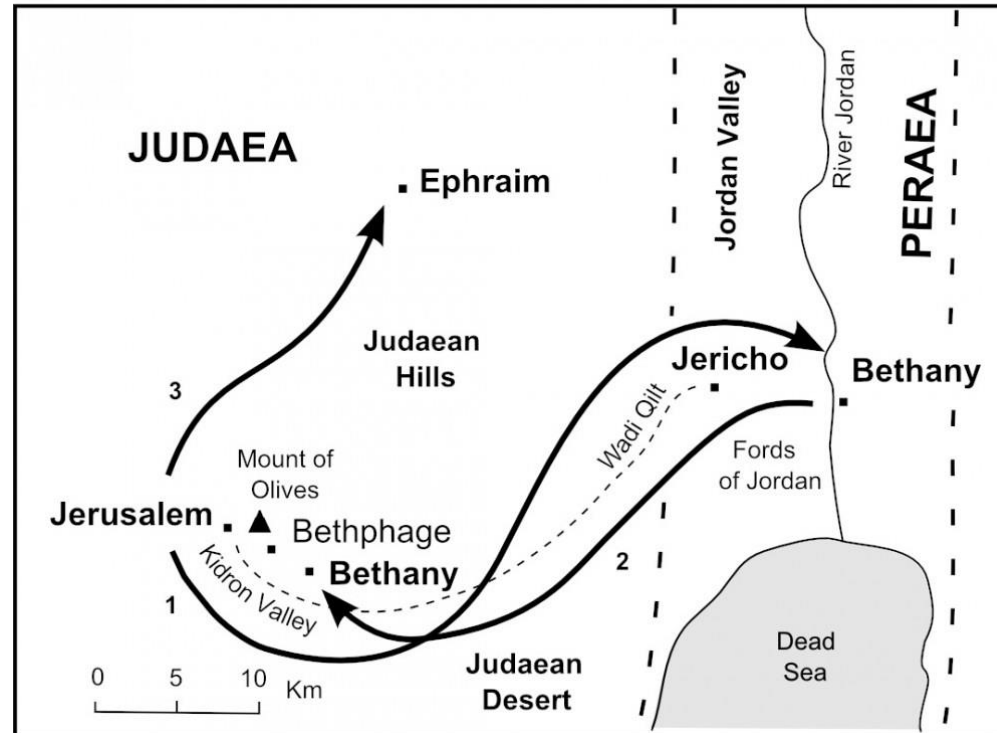


Jesus showed what God was like through parables.

Recall the Parable of the Good Samaritan. (Bible passage is on the next page)

Locate Jericho and Jerusalem on the map of the Holy Land.

Which direction did the man in the parable have to travel on his journey?



Lk. 10:25-37 Jesus is asked by a teacher of the Jewish law what he should do to receive eternal life. Jesus tells him a story about a Jewish man who is going down from **Jerusalem** to **Jericho** when he is attacked by 'bandits', stripped of his possessions, beaten up and left half-dead.

Two respectable members of the Jewish religious community who assist at the **Temple** in **Jerusalem** – a priest and a Levite– pass the man without helping him, a fellow Jew.

A Samaritan – a member of the mixed-race community despised and hated by the Jews – sees the man and has pity on him, even though he has often been verbally abused by Jews himself. He bandages the Jewish man's wounds and takes him to a travellers' inn used by Samaritans and other Gentiles – where he gives the 'innkeeper' two silver denarii (two day's wages) to look after the man until he recovers.

Jesus shows the teacher of the Jewish law that love for one's neighbour is more important in God's eyes than adhering to Jewish religious rituals. The religious teacher should show mercy like the non-Jewish Samaritan man if he wishes to gain eternal life.

Explore aspects of safety on this journey and the fears that the traveller might have had.

Think of your own feelings of not being safe or comfortable.

Who are you suspicious of? Why?



Discuss each character in the Parable - Priests, Levites and Samaritans.

- What did each one of them do for the man who had been hurt?
- Why did two of them not get involved?

TASK:

Create a modern day version of the parable.

2 people who are 'the same' as someone who is hurt/upset don't help but someone who seems the total opposite is a true neighbour.

Church goers/rough biker

School bullies/quiet child

Elderly person set in their ways/someone from a different country or refugees
(take a look at this story

<https://www.presbyterianireland.org/getmedia/2d0e5560-4f31-4759-8aae-8d5f6b3a224f/Youth-Resources-Modern-Day-Story.pdf.aspx>)

What was Jesus trying to teach the people?

Jesus ended the Parable of the Good Samaritan by saying, “Go and do like wise.” What does this mean?

Explore ways in which you can live out this commandment of Jesus.

How can we be good neighbours?