**LUKE CHAPTER 10**

The Chapter starts off with the account of Jesus sending out 72 (70)

This is only recorded by Luke, though some of the training advice included reflects material recorded by Matthew in his account of the 12 being sent out.

Let’s look at The Parable of the Good Samaritan and the events at the home of Martha and Mary:

* THE PARABLE OF THE GOOD SAMARITAN - INTRO - Luke 10: 25 - 29
* THE PARABLE OF THE GOOD SAMARITAN -Luke 10: 30 - 7
* THE HOME OF MARTHA AND MARY - Luke 10: 38 - 42

**1. INTRO TO THE PARABLE OF THE GOOD SAMARITAN - Luke 10: 25 - 29**

See Mark 12: 28 - 34 and Matthew 22: 33 - 40

Shema Yisrael (Hear, O Hebrew: שְׁמַע יִשְׂרָאֵל) is a Jewish prayer (known as the Shema) that serves as a centrepiece of the Jewish prayer services and is recited by Jewish people every morning and evening

*“Listen, Israel: the Lord is our God, the Lord is One. Blessed be the name of His glorious kingdom for ever and all time. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your might. These words which I command you today shall be on your heart.”*

The centrality of Loving God would be unquestioned by all Jews, but the ‘Love your neighbour as yourself’ Leviticus 19:8 is less easy to define*: ‘Do not seek revenge or bear a grudge against anyone among your people, but love your neighbour as yourself. I am the Lord.’*

**2. THE PARABLE OF THE GOOD SAMARITAN - Luke 10: 30 - 7**

A distance of 17 miles and a descent from 2,500 feet above to 800 feet below sea level, through rocky, desert countryside.

From the Jewish perspective the Samaritans were not ritually pure, they had intermarried with non-Jews in their territories, and thus were no longer pure Hebrews. Plus they had set up another Shrine Mount Gerizim in place of the Temple at Jerusalem and their people saw Mount Gerizim as fulfilling their religious obligations.

This link leads to a useful article!!

**The Rift between Jews and Samaritans:**

<https://www.franciscanmedia.org/ask-a-franciscan/the-rift-between-jews-and-samaritans/>

**3. THE HOME OF MARTHA AND MARY - Luke 10: 38 - 42**

In Jewish culture to sit at someone’s feet meant to be their student.

Acts 22:3 ‘*I am a Jew, born in Tarsus in Cilicia, but brought up in this city at the feet of Gamaliel, educated strictly according to our ancestral law, being zealous for God, just as all of you are today.’*

Why would Martha have found Mary’s actions so shocking and objectionable?