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DAY 3- Jesus WELCOMES those in need and says "Go and do likewise!"

Today's story of WELCOME is:

The Story of the Good Samaritan - Luke 10:29-37

Something to *Know* about this story

Questions are important. This story starts and ends with a question. The priests wanted to justify themselves and figure out who they really had to take care of. Jesus said, "Your neighbor." So they asked, "**Who is my neighbor?**" So Jesus tells a story about who helps and who doesn't. His answer to the question is another question: "Which of these three do you think was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of robbers?" When Jesus asks the law expert the question, the expert knows the answer. The expert in the law replied, "The one who had mercy on him." So what do we do with this? Jesus tells us. "Jesus told him, "Go and do likewise."

Where is the Welcome?

The Good Samaritan sees a man injured. He does not know who he is or why he is injured. Instead, the Good Samaritan puts the injured man on his donkey and pays for an inn keeper to take care of him. WOW. We do not know anything about the man who is injured, but we know a lot about the Good Samaritan. He helps the man because that is who he is.

The welcome in this story is that the Good Samaritan took care of someone in need. Jesus tells the expert in the law, and us, to "Go and do likewise."

