

The Parable of the Good Samaritan

Luke 10:29-37

1. Relate the story of the Good Samaritan in 25 words or less.
2. How did the lawyer expect to justify himself by asking, "And who is my neighbor?"
3. What was the nationality of the man who went down? How would we know?
4. How far was it from Jerusalem to Jericho? Why was it called the "bloody way"?
5. The King James Version reads that he "fell among thieves," while the American Standard Version has "robbers." What is the difference in a thief and a robber?
6. Did the law obligate the priest to show mercy and give help to a neighbor? If so, where?
7. What is a Levite? Why was he called that? Could it be that the priest and the Levite did not see the wounded man?

8. What were some of the excuses that the priest and the Levite could have made?

9. What is a Samaritan? What is unusual about such a man having compassion?

10. Why pour oil and wine into the man's wounds? (See Isaiah 1:9)

11. If the Samaritan "set him on his own beast," how did he get to the inn?

12. If he "took care of him" at the inn, what did that involve?

13. How much would two pence (or shillings) be worth in our money?

14. If the small amount left by the Samaritan indicates poverty, what does that say about his charity toward the wounded man?

15. Why didn't Jesus just say, "Everybody is your neighbor?"

16. Although the lawyer avoided the name Samaritan, was he able to see the vast difference between knowing and doing?

17. What application did Jesus make of the parable?

18. Aside from the obvious meaning of the parable, in what way was the Samaritan like Jesus?

19. In what way, if any, was the wounded man like Adam and his descendants?

20. Do you see any likeness of the priest and Levite to the Old Law and its ineffectiveness?

21. When the Samaritan made provision for the wounded man although he could not stay but promised to return, is that like the Christ in any way?

22. Would the conduct of the good Samaritan be a demonstration of Paul's admonition in Colossians 3:12-13?