



THE PARABLE OF THE GOOD SAMARITAN

On one occasion an expert in the law wanted to test Jesus.

Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?

What does the law say and how did you understand it?

One must love God with all their heart, soul, mind and strength. And one must love their neighbour as themselves.

But the expert wanted to justify himself.

And who is my neighbour?

A man going from Jerusalem to Jericho, was attacked by robbers.

Yes, do this and you will live.

They stole his belongings, beat him up and left him half-dead by the road. A priest came by. On seeing the wounded man, he crossed over to the other side of the road and went away.

A Levite temple assistant came next. He went and looked at the man lying there, but he too passed by on the other side.

Then a Samaritan came along and seeing the man, was moved with compassion. He went and helped him, treated his wounds and bandaged them.

He put the man on his own donkey, took him to an inn and cared for him.

The next day he gave two denarii to the innkeeper.

Look after him and if his bills run higher, I will repay you when I come next.

Which of these three was a neighbour to the robbed and wounded man?

Yes. Go and do the same.

The one who had mercy on him.

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