

# Jesus, the lawyer and the street guy

Luke 10:25-28

Luke 8:10 He said, "The knowledge of the secrets of the kingdom of God has been given to you, but to others I speak in parables, so that, "though seeing, they may not see; though hearing, they may not understand."

Luke 10:25 On one occasion an expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he asked, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?"<sup>26</sup> "What is written in the Law?" he replied. "How do you read it?"<sup>27</sup> He answered: "'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind' ; and, 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'"<sup>28</sup> "You have answered correctly," Jesus replied. "Do this and you will live."

<sup>29</sup> But he wanted to justify himself, so he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?"<sup>30</sup> In reply Jesus said: "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, when he fell into the hands of robbers. They stripped him of his clothes, beat him and went away, leaving him half dead.<sup>31</sup> A priest happened to be going down the same road, and when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side.<sup>32</sup> So too, a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side.<sup>33</sup> But a Samaritan, as he traveled, came where the man was; and when he saw him, he took pity on him.<sup>34</sup> He went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he put the man on his own donkey, took him to an inn and took care of him.<sup>35</sup> The next day he took out two silver coins and gave them to the innkeeper. 'Look after him,' he said, 'and when I return, I will reimburse you for any extra expense you may have.'<sup>36</sup> "Which of these three do you think was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of robbers?"<sup>37</sup> The expert in the law replied, "The one who had mercy on him." Jesus told him, "Go and do likewise."

## 1 What must I do to inherit eternal life?

- a Good Samaritan
- b Parables Luke 8:10

## 2 What the outsiders heard!

### a What must I do to inherit eternal life? 25-28

- i A question to test Jesus 25
- ii Jesus stinging answer which is really a question: What does the law say? 26
- iii Bottom line: Love God and love your neighbour (but you can't!) 27-28

### b Who is my neighbour? 29-37

- i A question to justify himself 29
- ii Jesus stinging answer which is really a question: Who is your neighbour? 30-36
- iii Bottom line: Go and do likewise! 37

## 3 The secrets of the kingdom of God

- a Who needs to be saved?
- b Who is my neighbour?
- c Go and be saved! 37

## 4 The secret: Your neighbour saves you cf Luke 23:39-43

## 5 Go and be saved!

Dear God,  
I am not able to justify myself.  
I cannot meet your standards of love for you and love for my neighbour.  
I am sorry that I have failed here.  
I stand before you broken and needy.  
Thankyou that Jesus had compassion on me.  
Thankyou that Jesus has met my real needs in his death.  
Thankyou that Jesus has paid for eternal life for me.  
Please help me now to live with Jesus as my example in loving you and my neighbour.  
Amen.