

## Luke 10:25-37

Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus and he said,  
    "Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?"  
He said to him, "What is written in the law?  
    What do you read there?"

He answered, "You shall 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 your neighbor as yourself."  
And he said to him, "You have given the right answer;  
    do this, and you will live."

But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, "And who is my  
    neighbor?"  
Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho,  
    and fell into the hands of robbers,  
    who stripped him,  
    and beat him,  
    and went away leaving him half dead.

Now by chance a priest was going down that road;  
    and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side.  
So likewise a Levite came to the place  
    and when he saw him, passed by on the other side.

But a Samaritan while traveling came near him;  
    and when he saw him, he was moved with pity,  
    and he went to him and bandaged his wounds,  
    pouring on oil and wine,  
    put him on his own animal,  
    brought him to an inn,  
    and took care of him.

The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and  
    said,  
    'Take care of him;  
    and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you  
    spend.'

Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor  
    to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?"  
He said, "The one who showed him mercy."

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Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

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