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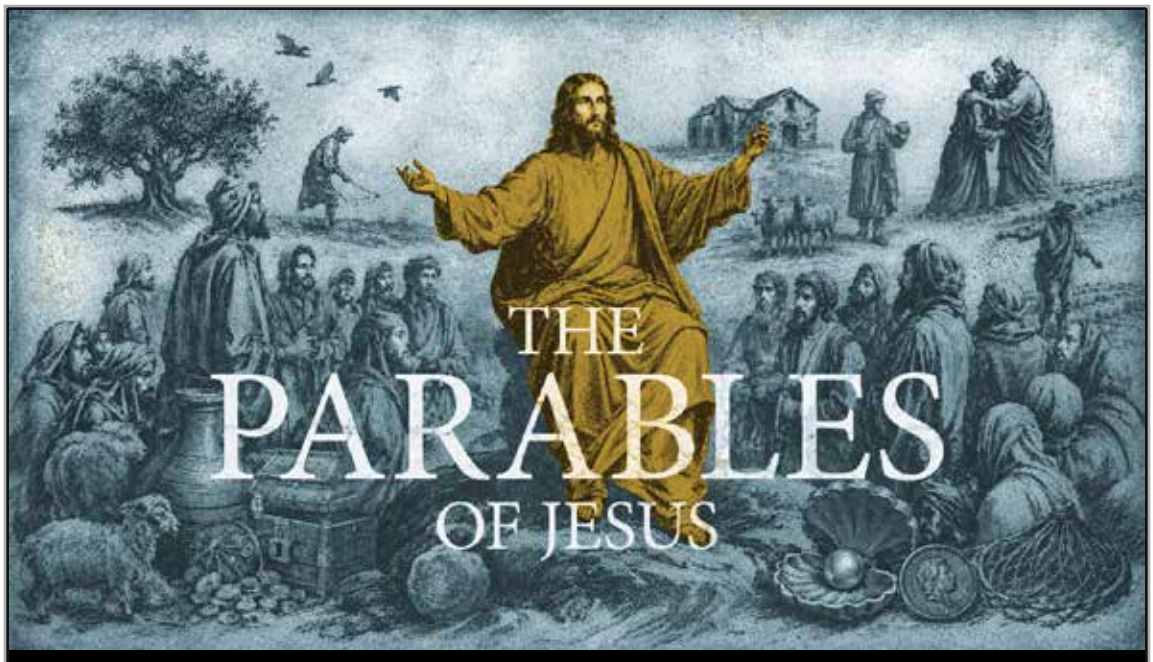

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The Good Samaritan



The Question Jesus Flipped

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The Conversation Around the Story

Two rounds of questions	Two right answers	One flipped question

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ROUND ONE

The Right Answer That Didn't Satisfy

"What shall I do to inherit eternal life?"



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Luke 10:25

25 And behold, a lawyer stood up **to put him to the test**, saying, "Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?"

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Luke 18:18

18 And a ruler asked him, “Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?”

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“What can I DO to INHERIT…?”

No one works to inherit.
You inherit by **relationship** — because of your **birth**, not your **effort**.



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His question carried the wrong assumption: that eternal life is something you earn by doing.

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Ephesians 2:8–9

8 For **by grace you have been saved through faith**. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God,
9 **not a result of works**, so that no one may boast.

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Luke 10:26–27

[26] He said to him, “What is written in the Law? How do you read it?” [27] And 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.”

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Luke 10:28

[28] And he said to him, “**You have answered correctly; do this, and you will live.**”

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Knowing the right answer in your head doesn't necessarily change your heart or the ability to accomplish it.

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Correct — but Unsatisfying

- Theologically accurate
- Technically correct
- "Do this"
- That's an impossible standard!

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A correct answer can’t give you eternal life. It can only show you that you need it.

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James 2:10

10 For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become guilty of all of it.

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Romans 3:20

20 For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since **through the law comes knowledge of sin.**

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ROUND TWO

Shrinking the Command



“And who is my neighbor?”

Luke 10:29

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Luke 10:29

[29] But he, **desiring to justify himself**, said to Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?”

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If you can’t raise your performance, lower the standard.

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Matthew 5:43–44

43 “You have heard that it was said,
‘You shall love your neighbor and
hate your enemy.’ 44 But I say to
you, **Love your enemies and pray
for those who persecute you,**”

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Leviticus 19:34

34 You shall treat **the stranger who
sojourns with you** as the native
among you, and **you shall love him as
yourself**, for you were strangers in the
land of Egypt: I am the Lord your God.

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THE STORY

The parable of the good Samaritan



The parable as Jesus' first listeners heard it

Luke 10:30–35

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Luke 10:30

30 Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he **fell among robbers, who stripped him and beat him and departed, leaving him half dead.**"

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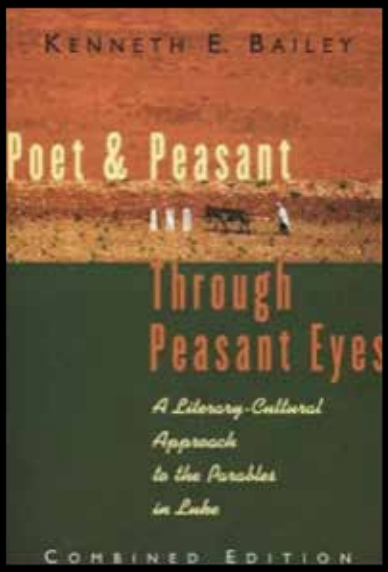

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The Jericho Road





17 miles **3,000** feet down **1** dangerous road

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A Man Nobody Could Label

- No clothes
- No voice
- No label



"The Good Samaritan" — William Henry Margetson

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Luke 10:31

31 Now by chance a priest was
going down that road, and when
he saw him he passed by on the
other side.

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The Priest: Careful, Correct, and Cold

- **Riding home** from his temple service
- **If the man is dead,** touching him makes the priest unclean (Num 19:11)
- **A week of purification** back in Jerusalem
- **No tithe income** — his household would suffer

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Hosea 6:6

6 For I desire **steadfast love and not sacrifice**, the knowledge of God rather than burnt offerings.

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Luke 10:32

[32] So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side.

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The Third Man Everybody Expected

Priest | Levite | Israelite? | But a Samaritan

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Luke 10:33

33 **But a Samaritan**, as he journeyed, came to where he was, and when he saw him, he had compassion.

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No Love Lost

- **“Jews have no dealings with Samaritans”** (John 4:9)
- **Bones in the temple** — Samaritans defiled it at Passover (Josephus)
- **“Lord, do you want us to call fire down?”** (Luke 9:54)

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Luke 10:34–35

[34] He went to him and bound up his wounds,
pouring on oil and wine. Then he set him on his
own animal and brought him to an inn and took
care of him. [35] And the next day he took out two
denarii and gave them to the innkeeper, saying,
‘Take care of him, and whatever more you
spend, I will repay you when I come back.’

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What the Samaritan Risked

- He had compassion
- He cared for his wounds
- He took the servant’s place
- He walked into danger
- He paid, and kept paying

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THE FLIP

“Who Proved to Be a Neighbor?”



Jesus never answered the lawyer’s question

Luke 10:36–37

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Luke 10:36–37

36 Which of these three, do you think,
proved to be a neighbor to the man
who fell among the robbers?” 37 He
said, “The one who showed him
mercy.” And Jesus said to him, “**You
go, and do likewise.**”

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The question isn’t “Who is my neighbor?”
The question is “Am I becoming one?”

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Who do you have trouble loving?
Who do you lack compassion
towards and justify avoiding?

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THE SURPRISE
Rescued by the One You'd Least Expect

Put yourself in the ditch

Romans 5:8–10



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The moral of this parable is NOT try harder to be loving towards those who are hard to love. It is only when we see ourselves as the man in the ditch, and experience God's grace that we are enabled to love as God intends.

44

Romans 5:8, 10

[8] but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us… [10] For if **while we were enemies** we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life.

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You can't become a neighbor until you let the True Good Samaritan rescue you.

46

Titus 3:3–5

3 **For we ourselves were once** foolish,
disobedient, led astray, slaves to various
passions and pleasures, passing our days in
malice and envy, hated by others and hating one
another. 4 But when the goodness and loving
kindness of God our Savior appeared, 5 he saved
us, not because of works done by us in
righteousness, but according to his own mercy...

47

1 John 4:10-11

10 This is love: not that we loved God, but
that he loved us and sent his Son as an
atoning sacrifice for our sins. 11 Dear
friends, **since God so loved us**, **we also
ought to love one another**. 12 No one
has ever seen God; but if we love one
another, God lives in us and his love is
made complete in us.

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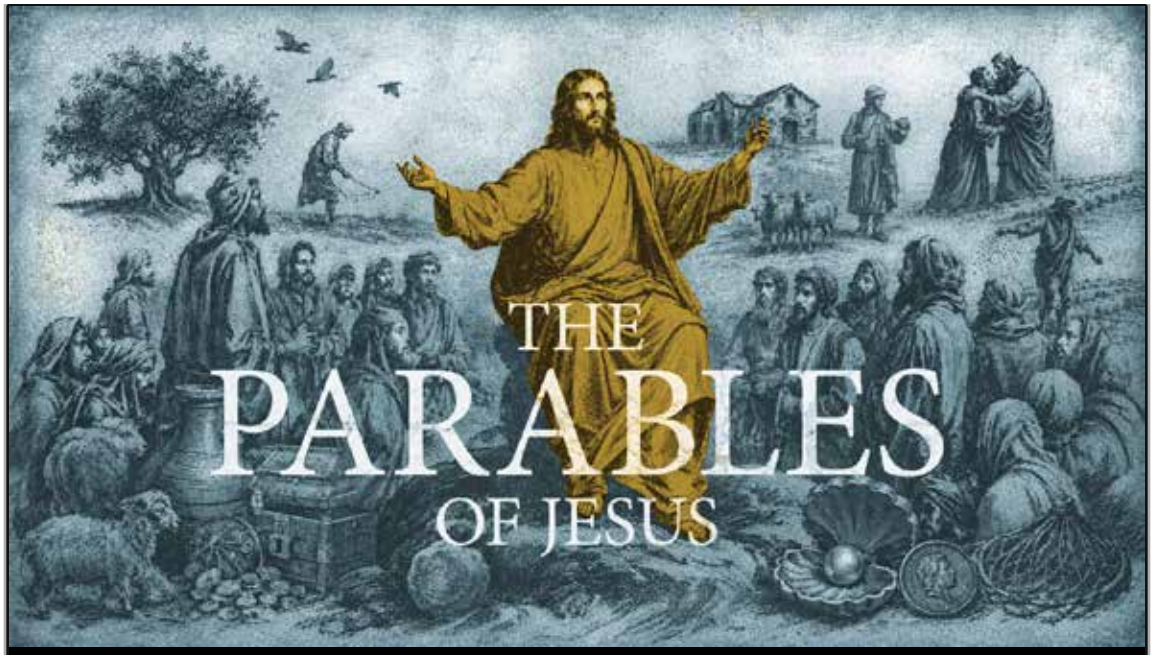

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