

THE GOOD SAMARITAN

A teacher of the Law came up and tried to trap Jesus. 'Teacher,' he asked, 'what must I do to receive eternal life?'

Jesus answered him, 'What do the Scriptures say? How do you interpret them?'

The man answered, 'Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind'; and 'Love your neighbor as you love yourself.'

'You are right,' Jesus replied; 'do this and you will live.' The teacher of the Law then asked Jesus, 'Who is my neighbour?' Jesus answered him by telling this parable.

There was once a man who was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho.

Robbers attacked him, took his robes, and beat him up, leaving him half dead.

It so happened that a priest was going down that road, but when he saw the man, he walked on by on the other side.

A Levite arrived next, went over and looked at the man, and then walked on by on the other side.

Then a Samaritan who was traveling that way arrived on the scene. When he saw him, his heart was filled with pity. He went over to him, poured oil and wine on his wounds and bandaged them.

Then he put the man on his own animal and took him to an inn, where he took care of him.

The next day he took out two silver coins and gave them to the innkeeper. "Take care of him," he told the innkeeper, "and when I come back this way, I will pay you whatever else you spend on him."

Jesus concluded, 'In your opinion, which one of these three acted like a neighbour toward the man attacked by the robbers?' The teacher of the Law answered, 'The one who was kind to him.' Jesus replied, 'Go and do the same.'