

The Good Samaritan

This is a story that Jesus told when a man asked what he must do to have everlasting life.

"What is written in the commandments?" Jesus asked.

The man answered: "You must 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 you must love your neighbor as yourself.."

Then the man wanted to know, "But who is my neighbor?"

Jesus then told about the man who was on his way from Jerusalem to Jericho and was robbed and beaten and left half dead by the roadside.

First a priest came by, and when he saw the wounded man, he passed by on the other side.

Next a Levite came and he, too, looked at the hopeless man and passed by on the other side of the road.

Then a Samaritan came along. He took care of the hurt man and then put him on his donkey and took him to an inn to stay. The Samaritan paid for everything.

When Jesus finished the parable, he asked, "Which of the three men was a neighbor?" The man answered, "The man who took pity on him." Jesus told him, "Go and do likewise."

The story of the Good Samaritan is found in Luke 10:25-37

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