

Grace in Unusual Places: Luke 10

In our next section of Luke, we find our Lord showing grace coming from a most unusual place. The parable of the good Samaritan is a familiar story—rich in lessons for us.

Luke 10:25-37

And a lawyer stood up and put Him to the test, saying, "Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?"²⁶ And He said to him, "What is written in the Law? How does it read to you?"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."²⁸ And He said to him, "You have answered correctly; DO THIS AND YOU WILL LIVE."²⁹ But wishing to justify himself, he said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?"³⁰ Jesus replied and said, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell among robbers, and they stripped him and beat him, and went away leaving him half dead."³¹ And by chance a priest was going down on that road, and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side.³² Likewise a Levite also, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side.³³ But a Samaritan, who was on a journey, came upon him; and when he saw him, he felt compassion,³⁴ and came to him and bandaged up his wounds, pouring oil and wine on *them*; and he put him on his own beast, and brought him to an inn and took care of him.³⁵ On the next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper and said, 'Take care of him; and whatever more you spend, when I return I will repay you.'³⁶ Which of these three do you think proved to be a neighbor to the man who fell into the robbers' *hands*?"³⁷ And he said, "The one who showed mercy toward him." Then Jesus said to him, "Go and do the same."



What did the Samaritan not know about the man on the road? Why did he do these things?

This begins very similar to another question that is asked of Jesus (Lk 18:18).

Three Things to Notice as this begins:

- A "Lawyer" asks Jesus a question
What is a lawyer? (7:30; 11:45-46; 52)
- Why does he "stand?"
- By stating that the question was a "test" what was Luke implying?
- How was this a test?

Rather than answering the man, what does Jesus do?

The lawyer's answer is very similar to an answer Jesus gave to a question. What was that question?

This exchange fulfills Peter's words about the chosen stone being rejected (1 Pet 2:6-8)

How do you see the attitude and arrogance of this lawyer manifested?

Describe the plight of the man going down from Jerusalem to Jericho

The priest and the Levite are used to illustrate what?

- What justification or reason might the priest and Levite use to explain their actions?

Describe the positive actions that the Samaritan took to help the injured

Where is the lawyer in this parable? What did Jesus intend for him to do? What does He intend for us to do?