

“Hear and Do the Greatest Commandment”

Luke 10:25-37

“Jesus told him, ‘Go and do likewise’”

1. Read Luke 10:25-37

Who approached Jesus and why?

10:25 an _____ in the law to _____ Him

What’s his question for Jesus?

10:25 what must I ___ to inherit eternal life?”

Jesus answers with His own question. What was it?

10:26 “What is written in the _____? How do you read it?”

So the ‘expert’ answers Jesus question. What does he say?

10:27 quotes _____ 6:5 and Lev. 19:18

Now *Jesus answers his first question, saying . . .*

10:28 “. . . ___ this and you will _____.”

***** Jesus goes along with the 1st question even though the question itself is flawed!! (and Jesus knows this!) Why??**

So, think about Jesus’ answer. Is He saying we can ‘earn’ our salvation by “doing” these things?

2. Like a Good ‘Neighbour’, he’s there!

The ‘expert’ expected something like this but now he’s going to trap Jesus in a debate about what he has to do to love his neighbour, in order to justify his good works.

10:29 “And who is my _____?”

Jesus tells a parable about a man [Jewish man presumably], who is robbed, beaten and left half naked and for dead along the road going from Jerusalem to Jericho. Who comes along and first?

A _____ [v.31)

Having come from Jerusalem he presumably finished his 2 week period of work at the temple. He is “clean” and is bringing home ‘sanctified’ tithes and offerings. What ‘legalistic’ dilemma does he face when he sees the man? (v. 12)

- a) Is the man Jewish or a gentile [‘sinner’]?
- b) Is he alive or dead?

What does the priest do when he sees the man? (v.32)

Next comes a Levite who does not have the same legalistic dilemmas as the priest. Most assume he could see what the priest did. What did he do that was somewhat different? (v.33)

The Samaritan approaches and has something both the priest and Levite would also have had. What was it?

v.34 a d _____

The sequence from priest then to Levite is a progression downward. What would have been expected next?

How do we know the Samaritan showing compassion was a surprise?

v.37 “the _____ who had mercy on him.”

Jesus responds to the question ‘who is my neighbour?’ with the question ‘Who was the neighbour?’ And then He answers the ‘expert’s original question again [What was I do to inherit eternal life?] saying almost the same thing –

v.37 “Go and _____ likewise”

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