

## **The Parable of the Good Samaritan**

**Luke 10:25-80 (NIV)**

**25 On one occasion an expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he asked, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?"**

**26 "What is written in the Law?" he replied. "How do you read it?"**

**27 He answered: " 'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind'[a]; and, 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'[b]"**

**28 "You have answered correctly," Jesus replied. "Do this and you will live."**

**29 But he wanted to justify himself, so he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?"**

**30 In reply Jesus said: "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, when he fell into the hands of robbers. They stripped him of his clothes, beat him and went away, leaving him half dead.**

**31 A priest happened to be going down the same road, and when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side.**

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

**33 But a Samaritan, as he traveled, came where the man was; and when he saw him, he took pity on him. 34 He went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he put the man on his own donkey, took him to an inn and took care of him.**

35 The next day he took out two silver coins[c] and gave them to the innkeeper. 'Look after him,' he said, 'and when I return, I will reimburse you for any extra expense you may have.'

36 "Which of these three do you think was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of robbers?"

37 The expert in the law replied, "The one who had mercy on him."

Jesus told him, "Go and do likewise."

## **Matthew 22:34-80 (New International Version)**

### **The Greatest Commandment**

**34** Hearing that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, the Pharisees got together.

**35** One of them, an expert in the law, tested him with this question:

**36** "Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?"

**37** Jesus replied: " 'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.'[a]

**38** This is the first and greatest commandment.

**39** And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'[b]

**40** All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments."

Whose Son Is the Christ

**41** While the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them, **42** "What do you think about the Christ[c]? Whose son is he?"

"The son of David," they replied.

43 He said to them, "How is it then that David, speaking by the Spirit, calls him 'Lord'? For he says,

44 " 'The Lord said to my Lord:

"Sit at my right hand  
until I put your enemies  
under your feet." '[d]

45 If then David calls him 'Lord,' how can he be his son?" 46 No one could say a word in reply, and from that day on no one dared to ask him any more questions.

## **Mark 12:28-80 (New International Version)**

### **The Greatest Commandment**

28 One of the teachers of the law came and heard them debating. Noticing that Jesus had given them a good answer, he asked him, "Of all the commandments, which is the most important?"

29 "The most important one," answered Jesus, "is this: 'Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one.[a]

30 Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.'[b]

31 The second is this: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'[c] There is no commandment greater than these."

32 "Well said, teacher," the man replied. "You are right in saying that God is one and there is no other but him.

33 To love him with all your heart, with all your understanding and with all your strength, and to love your neighbor as

**yourself is more important than all burnt offerings and sacrifices."**

34 When Jesus saw that he had answered wisely, he said to him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God." And from then on no one dared ask him any more questions.

Whose Son Is the Christ

35 While Jesus was teaching in the temple courts, he asked, "How is it that the teachers of the law say that the Christ[d] is the son of David? 36 David himself, speaking by the Holy Spirit, declared:

" 'The Lord said to my Lord:

"Sit at my right hand

until I put your enemies

under your feet." '[e] 37 David himself calls

him 'Lord.' How then can he be his son?"

The large crowd listened to him with delight.

38 As he taught, Jesus said, "Watch out for the teachers of the law. They like to walk around in flowing robes and be greeted in the marketplaces, 39 and have the most important seats in the synagogues and the places of honor at banquets. 40 They devour widows' houses and for a show make lengthy prayers. Such men will be punished most severely."