

## Won't You Be My Neighbor?

Luke 10:25-37



**Good Samaritan** = “A compassionate person who unselfishly helps others.”  
(Answers.com)

### I. HISTORICAL (historically accurate – understanding the context of those days)

Jesus’ earthly ministry was governed by the OT Law of Moses.

Galatians 4:4-5  
Hebrews 9:14-17

**Luke 10:26** “What is written in the law?”

- Love God with all your heart, soul, mind, strength (**Deut 6:5**)
- Love your neighbor as yourself (**Lev 19:18**)

“What must I DO to INHERIT eternal life?”

In the OT – salvation had an element of **WORKS**  
together with faith.

Rom 10:1-10

So, during the OT, a person needed to show God how much he loved Him by keeping the law (John 14:15) – which included treating others with love.

Doing that would **EARN** him the right to eternal life.

### II. DOCTRINAL (the specific teaching – frequently PROPHETIC)

Jesus’ earthly ministry was the ministry of a Jewish **Messiah** presenting to the nation of Israel their **KINGDOM** which was prophesied through out all the OT.

John 14:2-3

Just before He comes the 2<sup>nd</sup> time – there will be a time of **TRIBULATION**.

Dan 9:24-27

During that time, salvation will return to a system of faith + **WORKS**.

Revelation 14:9-10

Ultimately, the nations of this world will be judged based on how they treated the nation of Israel during that time.

Matt 25:31-46

### III. INSPIRATIONAL (How can I apply this story today?)

The "Good Samaritan" story pictures a **lost** man getting **saved**.

This is **OUR** story – we are sinners by nature – because of the **FALL** of a "certain man."

Gen 2-3  
John 10:10  
Rev.19:8  
Gen 5:1-3

**vv.31-32** The Priest and Levite – represent organized **RELIGION**.  
Religion CAN'T do anything to help a lost man in his situation.

*"a certain Samaritan"* – represents a **SAVED** man. Samaritan = ½ Jew;  
½ Gentile.

1Pet 2:11  
Matt 9:36-38  
Matt 28:19-20

This resulted in the **SALVATION** of this traveler.

*"set him on his own beast"* – represents the ministry of **DISCIPLESHIP!**

Phil 4:3  
Matt 11:29-30

*"brought him to an inn ... took care of him"*

New believers are "taken care of" at the place where God's BODY  
is: **LOCAL CHURCH!**

*"two pence ... and whatsoever thou spendest more, ... I will repay thee."*

Representing **GIVING** to the church – to continue the work.

#### PERSONAL APPLICATION:

1) **WATCH!** Be aware of opportunities that God puts in your path as you  
journey.

Colossians 4:2-3  
2 Timothy 4:5

2) **SERVE!** Show compassion. Make a difference in someone's life.

Jude 1:22

3) **GIVE!** If you can't personally serve – give money to others who can!

Philippians 4:19