



JESUS AS THE METAPHORICAL THEOLOGIAN

PARABLES IN THE GOSPEL OF LUKE



PARABLE OF THE GOOD SAMARITAN

LUKE CHAPTER 10



Four levels of this parable

- 1. Entertaining story**
- 2. Ethical example**
- 3. Revelation of the Kingdom (Theology)**
- 4. Hint of the character of the Lord (Christology)**

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Using Art & Scripture



Focus on the image:

- First impressions – What is the first thing that catches your eye?
- Thoughts – What comes to mind as you view the image?
- Emotions – What emotions arise as you look deeper at the image?
- Details - Notice color, shape, contrast, lighting, etc.

Focus on Scripture:

- Find and read aloud the Scripture passage from Luke 10:25-37.
- How does the image capture the basic message of the scripture?
- How does the image capture the details and nuances of the scripture?
- What attribute(s) of God does the image portray?







Rembrandt. Invenit. et Fecit. 1639.

Examining the story while inside the complete dialogue:

Round one –

Lawyer: Question 1 “What must I do to inherit eternal life?”

Jesus: Question 2 “What about the law?”

Lawyer: Answer to Q2 “Love God, love neighbor.”

Jesus: Answer to Q1 “Do this and live.”

Detail of Round One:

Lawyer acting like a good student but really a “tester”.

What can a person do to become an inheritor?

Jesus says, “What do you think?”

Lawyer quotes Jesus’ summary of keeping the law. (Mark 12:30-31)

OT reference – Leviticus 19:9-18 = Love of neighbor

OT reference- Deuteronomy 6:5 = Love God

Begin Round Two:

Lawyer still doesn't understand he can't perform the requirement.

Lawyer attempts to justify himself by asking:

“Who is my neighbor?”

The Parable:

³⁰ Jesus replied, “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he fell among robbers, who stripped him and beat him and departed, leaving him half dead.

³¹ Now by chance a priest was going down that road, and when he saw him he passed by on the other side.

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

³³ But a Samaritan, as he journeyed, came to where he was, and when he saw him, he had compassion.

³⁴ He went to him and bound up his wounds, pouring on oil and wine.

Then he set him on his own animal and brought him to an inn and took care of him.

³⁵ And the next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper, saying, ‘Take care of him, and whatever more you spend, I will repay you when I come back.

Closing thought:

We often focus on the people in the story rather than the “system” that effects the people and the actions.

Priest / Levite = System of the Law

Samaritan = System of salvation

