

Questions, Quotes and Notes

June 25, 2023

Luke 10:25-37: The Rest of the Story

Pre-Sermon:

1. Read Luke 10:25-37
2. What do you think is the point of this passage?

Sermon:

1. Why is calling this story the Good Samaritan a little strange?
2. What are some reasons to be a little suspicious of the idea that this is just a simple story about being more loving?
3. What did Jesus say a parable was supposed to do?
4. What is the reason Jesus told this story?
5. What information does Luke give about the lawyer that you wouldn't know just by looking at him? How do those details better help you understand what's happening?
6. How is it helpful to remember who Jesus is speaking to as you read the parable of the Good Samaritan?
7. What is the question the lawyer is asking Jesus?
8. What other story in Luke is this one similar to?
9. What is Jesus doing in the parable of the Good Samaritan?
10. What would have been the impact on the lawyer that Jesus uses a Samaritan as an example of keeping the law?
11. What question should the lawyer have been asking after hearing this story and what is the answer that Luke gives?

Notes:

1. The reason Jesus told the story
2. The way the story does that
3. The difference the story makes

Cross References/Quotes:

1. “The Samaritan to the first century Jew is not the oppressed but the oppressor. Modern spins on this parable cast the Samaritan as a hated social outcast, but he is more like a member of Hamas. Samaria was the place where Dinah was raped, Abimelech murdered his rivals, Ahab built his altar to Baal...in a Jewish context, the Samaritan would be the villain.”
2. “Jesus’ parables fundamentally reorder and reshape reality. They function to create a world for Jesus’ hearers that presents a challenge to the prevailing worldview.”
3. 2 Chronicles 28 and Samaritans
4. “Jesus’ closing words do not summarize the parable of the Good Samaritan, rather they return to the original question of the lawyer. The parable thus serves a hermeneutical function. It interprets the summation of the law provided by the expert.
5. The Parable of the Good Samaritan, Alistair Roberts
<https://adversariapodcast.com/2019/07/13/the-parable-of-the-good-samaritan/>

After Sermon:

1. What was the message basically about?
2. What questions do you have as a result of this message?
3. What did you learn today?
4. How can this message help you think or feel or believe differently?
5. How can we pray for you as a result of this message?