

## Jesus Pinpoints the Keys to Eternal Life

Luke 10:25-42

### Jesus is Tested by a Lawyer

<sup>25</sup> And behold, a certain lawyer stood up and tested Him, saying, "Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" <sup>26</sup> He said to him, "What is written in the law? What is your reading of it?" <sup>27</sup> So he answered and said, "'You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind,' and 'your neighbor as yourself.'" <sup>28</sup> And He said to him, "You have answered rightly; do this and you will live." <sup>29</sup> But he, wanting to justify himself, said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?"

### The Parable of the Good Samaritan

<sup>30</sup> Then Jesus answered and said: "A certain *man* went down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell among thieves, who stripped him of his clothing, wounded *him*, and departed, leaving *him* half dead. <sup>31</sup> Now by chance a certain priest came down that road. And when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. <sup>32</sup> Likewise a Levite, when he arrived at the place, came and looked, and passed by on the other side. <sup>33</sup> But a certain Samaritan, as he journeyed, came where he was. And when he saw him, he had compassion. <sup>34</sup> So he went to *him* and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine; and he set him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. <sup>35</sup> On the next day, when he departed, he took out two denarii, gave *them* to the innkeeper, and said to him, 'Take care of him; and whatever more you spend, when I come again, I will repay you.' <sup>36</sup> So which of these three do you think was neighbor to him who fell among the thieves?" <sup>37</sup> And he said, "He who showed mercy on him." Then Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

### Jesus Visits with Mary and Martha

<sup>38</sup> Now it happened as they went that He entered a certain village; and a certain woman named Martha welcomed Him into her house. <sup>39</sup> And she had a sister called Mary, who also sat at Jesus' feet and heard His word. <sup>40</sup> But Martha was distracted with much serving, and she approached Him and said, "Lord, do You not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Therefore tell her to help me." <sup>41</sup> And Jesus answered and said to her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and troubled about many things. <sup>42</sup> But one thing is needed, and Mary has chosen that good part, which will not be taken away from her."

### Questions:

1. What do you think was behind the lawyer's question to Jesus about eternal life? To what source did Jesus send him for the answer?
2. What did the man say the law taught? So what was the answer to his original question?
3. How does the lawyer's answer summarize the whole law? Why are these commands so important?
4. Now that he had correctly answered his own question, why did he ask "And who is my neighbor?"
5. Why did Jesus tell the following story in vs 30-37 rather than a direct answer to the question of vs 29?
6. What happened to the man on the Jericho road? How did the priest and Levite treat this man?
7. Who helped the man lying by the road? Describe all he did. Why might the priest and Levite have been expected to help him, while the Samaritan might not have been expected to help him?
8. What question did Jesus then ask the lawyer? How did Jesus get him to answer his question who his neighbor was?
9. What application did Jesus make? Summarize the lesson we learn about love, who our neighbor is, and what love leads us to do for others?
10. Where was the home of Martha and Mary? (John 11:1; 12:1-3) What did each of the sisters do when Jesus visited? What complaint did Martha raise?
11. Was Martha selfish? Was she doing something sinful of itself? What was her mistake or misunderstanding?
12. What is the one thing needful? Why was Mary not to be denied the part she had chosen?

(Notice how the Samaritan emphasizes the love of neighbor, while the action of Mary emphasizes the love of God)