

Which Jesus do we See and Preach? II

“Jesus of the marginalized”

Luke 10:29-37 Samaritan and Priest

Luke takes us on a journey between “the ***Insignificant Protagonist*** and ***Powerful Antagonist***.” *Words Studies in the New Testament Vol 1*
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NLT Luke 10:29 The man wanted to justify his actions, so he asked Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?”

Parable of the Good Samaritan

³⁰ Jesus replied with a story: “A Jewish man was traveling from Jerusalem down to Jericho, and he was attacked by bandits. They stripped him of his clothes, beat him up, and left him half dead beside the road. ³¹ “By chance a priest came along. But when he saw the man lying there, he crossed to the other side of the road and passed him by. ³² A Temple assistant walked over and looked at him lying there, but he also passed by on the other side. ³³ “Then a despised Samaritan came along, and when he saw the man, he felt compassion for him. ³⁴ Going over to him, the Samaritan soothed his wounds with olive oil and wine and bandaged them. Then he put the man on his own donkey and took him to an inn, where he took care of him. ³⁵ The next day he handed the innkeeper two silver coins, telling him, ‘Take care of this man. If his bill runs higher than this, I’ll pay you the next time I’m here.’ ³⁶ “Now which of these three would you say was a neighbor to the man who was attacked by bandits?” Jesus asked. ³⁷ The man replied, “The one who showed him mercy. “Then Jesus said, “Yes, now go and do the same.”

Immigrants are marked and ***abused*** in many cultures.

Immigrants are targeted because at times they are forced to live in the shadows.

I

The parable participants.

A traveler who is assaulted. *Vs 30*

The traveler is left half dead.

The priest could help and should. *Vs 31*

The Levi should aid in helping. *Vs 32*

The Samaritan is an immigrant who despite his own condition and position, helps. *Vs 34*

Who are we called to help?

Who has the Lord put right in front of you?

II

The powerful antagonist. *Vs 31-32*

An antagonist is an adversary.

Thieves are enemies of people.

Antagonists are opponents who could help, but resist and oppose aid to others.

III

The insignificant protagonist.

The protagonist is a major character in a drama. *Vs 34*

Empathy is the action of understanding, being aware of, being sensitive to, and vicariously experiencing the feelings, thoughts, and experience of another.

Empathy should lead us to compassion.

Compassion should lead to justice in the community.

IV

The problem then is the same problem now.

Where are we in the narrative?

- Where are you in the drama?

Who do we resist helping?

- Who has Lord placed in your path?
- Who is your neighbor?