THE REAL PURPOSE OF 'THE GOOD SAMARITAN'

Luke 10: 25-37

Typical understanding of the parable

• Do good to others just like the good Samaritan

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He said unto him, What is written in the law? how readest thou?

Luke 10: 27 -28

And he answering said, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind; and thy neighbour as thyself.

And he said unto him, Thou hast answered right: this do, and thou shalt live.

Luke 10: 29

But he, willing to justify (vindicate) himself, said unto Jesus, And who is my neighbour?

The parable

- A victim of highway robbery
- · a priest saw, a Levite looked,

Action: Both passed by on the other side

The parable

Enter the Samaritan

- Stranger of the "other class"
- Stops at risk of personal danger along highway
- Uses personal resources oil and wine, vehicle (animal)
- Open-ended financial commitment to innkeeper for victim

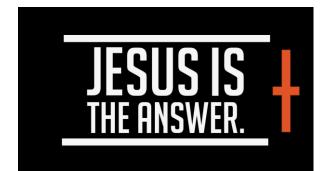
Go and do likewise!

Purpose of the parable

 Loving our neighbour is impossible to reach by pure human effort

Luke 10:29-35 The lawyer's 'test'

 Eternal life is impossible to reach by pure human effort



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Show the gospel in action

•In Christ, we can grow in loving God and loving others

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