

# **Class Structure**

**11/13/22**

- 1: Lords Prayer English & Greek**
- 2: Gospel Reading, discussion and explanation**
- 3: Catch up from previous weeks St Marina etc**
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*The Gospel for 11-13-2022*

*(Get a Student to Read) Ask who wants to read the Gospel*

**Luke 10:25-37** *(New King James Version)*

### **The Parable of the Good Samaritan**

**25** At that time, a **lawyer** stood up to put Jesus to the test, saying, "**Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?**"

A **lawyer** was a man of **character and high moral standings**. A **Jew** who **studied and interpreted the law**. This was a **dumb question** for him to ask, but he did it because he was trying catch Jesus in something he says, so he could **trap him to have him put to death**, because a lot of people in power did not like him.

**26** He said to him, "**What is written in the law? How do you read?**"

Christ refers **him to the law**, because **Christ upheld the law**.

**27** And he answered, "**You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself.**"

The **said this happily** because **he knew the answer**, but **where did he get the answer** from other than **Christ** himself. In the **Old Testament** it says to **love God with all your heart**, but to **love your neighbor** was never a commandment **until Jesus said it**. So he must have followed and heard it from him. **John 13:34 -35** Christ said "**A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another. By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another.**"

**28** And he said to him, "**You have answered right; do this, and you will live.**"

We should want to do his commandments not out of fear or because we are suppose to but out of love as we love our parents and want to help them so with Christ we should want to do his will out of love.

**29** But he, desiring to **justify himself**, said to Jesus, "**And who is my neighbor?**"

Out of pride of having the last word the lawyer tries to justify himself by asking who is my neighbor.

**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.**

The **man was Adam** or **all of the human race**. **Jerusalem** was **heaven** it cool and a pleasing, because God originally gave it to the Jews. **Jericho** was as **hell** because it was **hot and uncomfortable a city of sin**. When he **fell among robbers**, he was being **attacked by the demons**. He was being attacked by demons who **take away all of his purity** and **temped to stray from God** and left him **half dead**. He says half dead because after the **body dies the soul still lives** so not fully dead.

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

Why did the **priest pass by** on the other side, was it because if the man was dead and **he touched him he would not be able to go in the temple for a certain amount of time**, or was it to show us that **we can do nothing without Christ**, he is the only one that **can raise us from the dead**.

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

A priest is man of God and a **Levite** is his helper **like a deacon today**, they both avoided helping the man. We **learn from our elders** and the levite was **blindly following** the priest instead of **thinking with his heart**.

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

Above the Priest and the Levite were going by the **by chance it was not their purpose in life to save everyone**. But the **Samaritan is Christ** and **his whole purpose is to save us**. When he saw the man or sees us, he has compassion to help us in every way.

**34** and **went to him and bound up his wounds, pouring on oil and wine; then he set him on his own beast and brought him to an inn, and took care of him.**

Christ went to him out of **love and compassion**. Through Christ we can **bound up our wounds, stop the bleeding that is caused by sin**. When he **pours oil and wine** on the man, this is the **medicine for our body and soul** it is **Christ's body and blood symbolized in two natures as full divine and fully human**. This dual nature combats **Nestorianism** as we saw last weeks gospel as well. When he put him on **his own beast** it is God, Christ himself who came down and **was incarnated and took on a human body** **beast like**, to help us and **lead us to the inn, his Church** where we are healed in body and soul.

**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.'**

The **two denarii** are the **Holy Scripture** (*the Old and New Testament*) and **Holy Tradition**. He gave them to the **bishops** to take care of **his Church**. Christ tells his bishops (*the Apostles*) **he is coming back** and when he does **he will reward those who does what he asks** and if you **do more** he will **glorify you** even more. To take care of him through the Church it is done through **teaching, preaching, the services, confession, counsel, and blessings**. Through **praying for one another, and especially, through the priest and the bishop praying and interceding for the people before the holy altar**, as God has ordained.

**36** **"Which of these three, do you think, proved neighbor to the man who fell among the robbers?"**

**37** He said, **"The one who showed mercy on him."** And Jesus said to him, **"Go and do likewise."**

Love for our neighbor proves our love for God. If Icons are venerated to send prayers to the Saints and God. Then the action is passed directly to the object being venerated. How much more is our action being passed to God when we help someone? Since they are born in the likeness and image of God.

St Paul says in **Hebrews 13:16** do not forget to do good and to share, for with such sacrifices God is well pleased.

St Paul also says in **Hebrews 13:1-2** Let brotherly love continue. Do not forget to entertain strangers, for by so doing some have unwittingly entertained angels.

Stop put yourself in their position and do unto others better than you would do unto yourself. We are all called to be Saints think of this as a small step, and feel the grace of the Holy Spirit after helping someone it will motivate you to do more.

Let us follow the Lord God and Savior Jesus Christ's example and direction, and of Saint Paul. Through our actions of helping those in need glorify our Lord God and Savior Jesus Christ  
Amen

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