

# Class Structure

- 1: Lords Prayer English & Greek**
- 2: Gospel Reading, discussion and explanation**
- 3: Pick a Saint to talk about and Miracles**
- 4: Read the Creed until learned by memory Greek & English**

1: Lords Prayer English & Greek *(Pray with class)*

2: Gospel Reading, discussion and explanation

*Ask the students 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 integrity and moral superiority. A legal scholar and interpreter who was Jewish. It was a foolish question for him to ask, but he did it in an attempt to trap Jesus into saying anything that would lead to his execution because many powerful people disliked him.

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

Because Christ upheld the law, He refers him to 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 Lawyer said this gladly since he knew the answer, but who else could he have gotten the answer from other than Christ himself? Love God with all your heart is a mandate in the Old Testament, but love your neighbor was never a commandment until Jesus said it. As a result, he must have followed him and heard it from him. According to 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."

Just as we love our parents and want to support them, we should want to follow Christ's commands out of love, not out of fear or obligation.

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

The lawyer, in pride of having the last word, 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 was 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 tempted to stray from God**. When it says he 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 a man of God, and a **Levite, like a deacon today**, He is his aid; they both avoided helping the man. We learn from our elders, and the Levite was following the priest mindlessly rather than **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 Levite were going by accident; it was not their life's aim to save everyone. **The Samaritan**, on the other hand, is **Christ**, and **his entire mission is to save us**. When he sees the man or sees us, he is moved to aid us in whatever manner he can.

**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 **compassion and love**. We can **bandage our wounds and halt the bleeding produced by sin**, through Christ. When Jesus pours **oil and wine** on the man, he is **administering medication** to our **bodies and souls**; it is **Christ's body and blood**, symbolized in two natures as **wholly divine and totally human**. As we saw in last week's gospel, this dual nature opposes **Nestorianism**. When he places him on his own beast, it is **God, Christ himself**, who came down and became incarnate, **taking on a human form beast-like**, to help us and take 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.'**

**Holy Scripture** (the Old and New Testaments) and **Holy Tradition** are the **two denarii**. He entrusted them to **the bishops** to care for his Church. **Christ reminds his bishops (the Apostles)** that he is **returning** and that when he comes, **he will reward those who do what he asks**, and if you **do even more, he will exalt you even more**. The **Church** takes care of him through **teaching, preaching, services, confession, guidance, and blessings**. **By praying for one another**, and especially by the **priest and bishop praying and interceding for the people** before the sacred altar, as God has commanded.

**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 demonstrates love for God. If Icons are worshiped, prayers are sent to the Saints and God. The action is then directed directly at the item being revered. When we aid someone, how much more of our activity is passed on to God? Because they are created in the image and likeness of God.

In Hebrews 13:16, St Paul states, "Do not forget to do good and to share," for God is delighted with such sacrifices.

In Hebrews 13:1-2, St Paul states the same thing. Allow brotherly love to remain. Don't forget to entertain strangers, for some have unintentionally entertained angels.

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Stop putting yourself in their shoes and behave unto others what you would do unto yourself. Every one of us is called to be a Saint. Consider this a little beginning, and feeling the grace of the Holy Spirit after assisting someone will inspire you to do more.

Let us follow the example and guidance of the Lord God and Savior Jesus Christ, as well as Saint Paul. Our efforts of assisting those in need exalt our Lord, God, and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

**3: *Catch up from previous weeks St Marina etc***

**4: *Read the Creed until learned by memory Greek & English***