# Parable of the Good Samaritan

## Luke 10:25-37

## GOODNESS

Presented in Inverted Parallel Literary Form[1]

PREAMBLE - ROUND ONE:

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| 1 | Lawyer | 25 One day an expert in religious law stood up to test Jesus by asking him this question: "Teacher, what should I do to inherit eternal life?" | Question 1 |
| 2 | Jesus | 26"What does the law of Moses say? How do you read it?" | Question 2 |
| 2' | Lawyer | 27"'You must love the LORD your God with all your heart, all your soul, all your strength, and all your mind.' And 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'" | Answer 2 |
| 1' | Jesus | 28 "Right!" "Do this and you will live!" | Answer 1 |

PREAMBLE - ROUND TWO

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| 1 | Lawyer | 29 The man wanted to justify his actions, so he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?"<br>30 Jesus replied with a story: … (see parable below) | Question 1 |

[1] Notes:

1. The stanza numbering (column 1), indentation (column 2), and thematic commentary (column 3) are used by Kenneth Bailey to distinguish between scenes in the narrative and parable.
2. The literary forms were imposed on the text by either Jesus, or the author writing under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit.
3. These inspired literary forms were intended by the source/author to draw our attention to the key teachings of the narrative and parable.

PARABLE

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| 1 | A Jewish man was traveling from Jerusalem down to Jericho,<br>and he was attacked by bandits.<br>They *stripped* him of his clothes, beat him up,<br>and *left him* half dead beside the road. | COM<br>E<br><br>DO<br>GO | Robbed,<br>Left for<br>Dead |
| 2 | [31] "By chance a **priest** *came* along.<br>But when he saw the man lying there, he *crossed* to the other side of the road.<br>And *passed* him by. | COM<br>E<br>DO<br>GO | Rejected |
| 3 | [32] Likewise, a Temple assistant [**Levite**] *walked* over.<br>And *looked* at him lying there,<br>but he also *passed* by on the other side. | COM<br>E<br>DO<br>GO | Rejected |
| 4,<br>4' | [33] "Then a despised **Samaritan came** along,<br>and when he **saw** the man,<br>he **felt** compassion for him. | COM<br>E<br>DO<br>DO | Loved |
| 3' | [34] **Going** over to him,<br>the Samaritan **soothed** his wounds with olive oil and wine,<br>and **bandaged** them. | COM<br>E<br>DO<br>DO | Helped |
| 2' | Then he **put** the man on his own donkey<br>and **took** him to an inn,<br>where he **took** care of him. | DO<br>DO<br>DO | Helped |
| 1' | [35] The next day he **handed** the innkeeper two silver coins,<br>**telling** him, 'Take care of this man.<br>If his bill runs higher than this, I'll **pay** you the next time I'm here.' | DO<br>DO<br>DO | Restored,<br>Made Alive |

EPILOGUE - ROUND TWO

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| 2 | Jesus | [36] "Now which of these three would you say was a neighbor to the man who was attacked by bandits?" | Question 2 |
| 2' | Lawyer | [37]"The one who showed him mercy." | Answer 2 |
| 1' | Jesus | "Yes, now go and do the same." | Answer 1 |

# Parable Worksheet

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Main Characters:

Main Events/Scenes:

Turning Point:

Historical-Cultural Gaps (THEN ↔ NOW):

Earthly & Heavenly Parallels:

Earthly Principle & Heavenly Principle: