

# QUESTIONS FROM CHRIST



What think ye of Christ?  
whose son is he?

– Matthew 22:42



Lovest thou me?

– John 21:17



Are not two sparrows sold for a  
farthing? and one of them shall not fall  
on the ground without your Father.

– Matthew 10:29



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## A Notable Neighbor

**Luke 10:25-37**

*What is written in the law? How readest thou?*

*Which now of these three, thinkest thou, was neighbor unto him that fell among the thieves?*

### THE CASE

- The “court of public opinion” is always trying to argue, try, and “win” against God (10:25). Notice that the lawyer is more interested in justifying \_\_\_\_\_ (10:29).
- Jesus knows exactly which questions to ask, going straight to the law (10:26) and then presenting a “case” for an example.
- The city Jesus chose also has great significance:
  - Jericho, at this time, was a wealthy, thriving oasis like city. It was along major trade routes making it a popular place of commerce.
  - Herod the Great built magnificent palaces, gardens, pools, and public buildings there.
  - It was a popular area to live for tax collectors, merchants, priests, Levites (many would commute to Jerusalem) and quite possibly, this very \_\_\_\_\_.
- It was in Jericho that Jesus met Zacchaeus (Luke 19:1-10) and blind Bartimaeus (Mark 10:46-52).

### THE CRIME

- The 15-mile or so journey between the cities was well known for bandits who took advantage of the wealthy traveling.
- The world will rob you, wound you, and leave you for dead (10:30).
  - So will \_\_\_\_\_ - 2 Peter 2:3.
  - So will other \_\_\_\_\_ - James 4:1, 11, 2:1-4; Eph. 4:32; Gal. 5:15; Rom. 14:13; 1 Cor. 8:12.

## THE CHARACTERS

- A priest. Someone you would certainly expect to show mercy and render aid but instead he avoids the wounded man.
- A Levite. A tribe specifically set apart for service:
  - All priests were Levites, but not all Levites were priests. Levites \_\_\_\_\_ the priests, prepared sacrifices and supplies, took care of the temple, served as singers, worship leaders, and musicians - Deut. 18:1, 21:5; Num. 18:1-7; 1 Chron. 23-25; Heb. 7:5.
  - They also served as teachers of the law (Deut. 33:10; 2 Chron, 17:8-9) and even as judges and officials (2 Chron. 19:8-11). It is quite possible that this lawyer was a Levite!
  - A picture of believers today – 1 Cor. 1:2, 6:11; 1 Thess. 4:3-4; 2 Tim. 2:21; 1 Peter 2:5.
- A Samaritan. Despised by the Jews – John 4:9; 8:48; Luke 9:54; 2 Kings 17:24. Remember, God is not a respecter of persons - Acts 10:34-35.

## THE CHAMPION

- The person who was “least”, showed the greatest C.A.R.E.
  - **C**ompassion (10:33): *suffering with another. Love and sorrow.* You feel what they feel. You understand their sorrow and trouble, just like God has compassion for us – Matt. 9:36; Mark 1:41; Luke 7:13; Ps. 86:15; 1 John 3:17-18.
  - **A** \_\_\_\_\_ (10:34): when others went the other way to avoid, the Samaritan went right to him - Luke 19:10; Phil. 2:4.
  - **R**emedy (10:34): he had what the man needed - Rom. 1:16, 10:15; Pro. 3:27; Eph. 6:15.
  - **E** \_\_\_\_\_ (10:35): it cost him something – 1 Thess. 2:8-9; Matt. 16:24; Luke 14:33; 2 Tim. 3:12.

Notice that Jesus answer did not focus on who is your neighbor (*everyone is your neighbor*), but rather \_\_\_\_\_ a believer should treat his neighbor.

*Go and do thou likewise!*