

# The Temptation of Jesus

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Luke 10:25-37

**INTRO. A.** This is one of the most popular parables in the Bible or anywhere else.

1. The parable of the prodigal son is #2.
2. They both seem to teach an important lesson on forgiveness, love, helping others, etc.

**B.** The context reveals the true purpose of this parable, the real reason Jesus spoke it.

1. It puts to silence a self-righteous Jew.
2. He believed he was saved by keeping the great commandment.
3. Jesus revealed the man's error.

## I. The Temptation of Jesus.

**A.** This temptation is by a lawyer, not Satan.

Vs. 25 1. "tempted" =  $\pi\epsilon\iota\pi\alpha\iota\zeta\omega$  = "to make trial of" "to thoroughly trust", + "ek" = totally, completely, Here, the intent is evil, He meant to embarrass Jesus.

2. "Master, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?"
3. As a lawyer he was well-taught in Mosaic law.
4. "inherit" = "to receive a share of an inheritance."

**B.** The response of Jesus.

Vs. 26 1. "What is written in the law"?

2. "... how readest thou"?
3. Jesus asks him a question, a good way to answer those who want to start a religious quarrel.

**C.** The answer of the lawyer.

Vs. 27 1. The answer involves love.

2. The object is "the Lord thy God".

### III. The Summation And Conclusion. (2)

- A. The unexpected question.  
Vs. 36
1. "Which now of these three..."
  2. There could be but one answer.

- B. The confession of a lawyer.  
Vs. 37a
1. "He that showed mercy on him".
  2. "mercy" = ἔλεος = "the desire to help the miserable", "active compassion", "help as distinguished from mere pity".
  3. The temple prayer.

- C. What the lawyer must do.  
V. 37b.
1. Go and do thou likewise.
  2. Mercy is doing, this man understood.

### IV. What Should These Verses Teach Vs?

- A. That knowing scripture by memory is not the end of any spiritual issue.
1. The lawyer knew the scripture.
  2. He did not understand it.
  3. He misinterpreted a word, "neighbor".

- B. That knowing is not sufficient.
1. Knowing is absolutely necessary.
  2. It is not enough, we must, "do it".

- C. That responding to those who are outside of our comfort zone may fulfill a christian obligation.
1. This Samaritan was traveling alone.
  2. He did not endanger his family.

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