

He even paid for the man to stay there until he was better again. (That is really wonderful, hey.)

"The Samaritan really cared a lot for this man, even though he didn't even know him. Then he told to the owner of the hotel that he would be coming back again to pay for anything else that the man needed while he was away."



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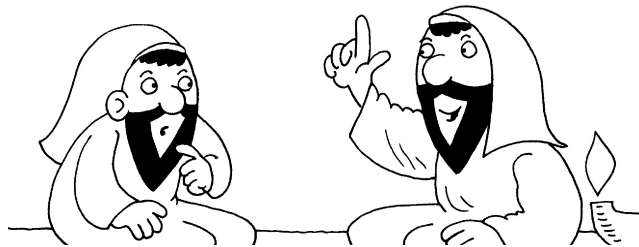
Jesus finished the story, He asked the teacher :

"Who do you think is the hurting man's neighbor?"

"I suppose it was the man who was so kind to him." the teacher answered.

"Why don't you go and do the same?" Jesus told him.

Jesus always had the right answers to everyone's questions!

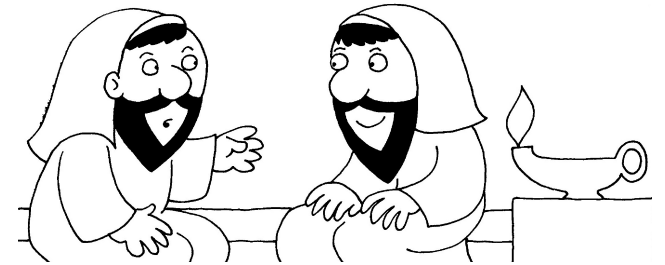


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THE KIND STRANGER

"Jesus, what must I do so that I can live forever?"

This was a question which one of the of the clever teachers asked Jesus.

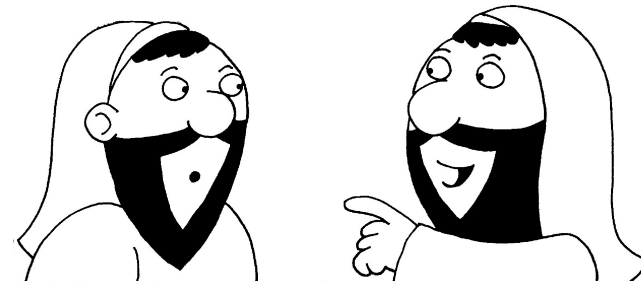


But he wanted to tempt Jesus. That means he was trying to trick Jesus into saying the wrong things.

Jesus knew that so He didn't give him the answer straight away.. Instead, He asked the teacher a question. He did this to help him to think for himself what his own question really means.

So Jesus asked:

"What have you read in the scriptures about it?"



The teacher liked this question because he studied the scriptures. So he quickly answered :

"You must love God with your whole heart, with your mind and with all your strength and with everything you have. You must also love your neighbor as yourself."

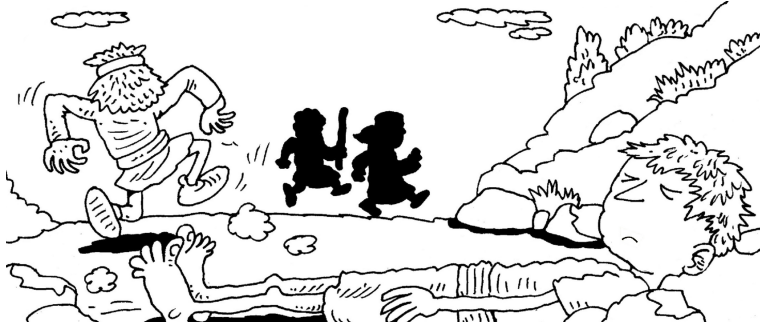
Jesus was satisfied with his answer because it is exactly what the scriptures teaches us.

"You have answered well." Jesus replied and then He added this :
"If you do that, you will have eternal life."

But the teacher had his own ideas about who his neighbor was, so he asked Jesus again :

"Lord, who exactly is my neighbor?"

This time Jesus answered him by telling an amazing story:



"One day a man went on a journey from Jerusalem to Jericho. On the way robbers attacked him. They hit him badly and stole all his clothes, money and everything which he had on him. They left this poor man lying in the road half dead. He was hurting very much but he couldn't even get up to look for help.

After a while one of the priests of the Temple came walking along the road. When he saw



the hurting man, he didn't even stop to help him. He went over onto the other side of the road and walked right past him! "
(That is so sad!)

"Then a little while later another man came walking along the road. He was a Levite. That means he worked in the Temple where people went to pray and worship God.

But when the Levite saw this hurting man lying in the road, he also quickly walked over onto the other side of the road and walked right past this man!"
(Now that's really sad!)



"Finally another man came along the road with a donkey carrying all his belongings. He was a Samaritan. He was from a different culture and many people didn't like them. And you know what he did? When he saw the hurting man lying in the road, he felt very sorry for him.



He stopped and knelt down next to the hurting man. Then he took a cloth and water to clean the man's wounds. He even put some medicine on the wounds."
(That was so kind of him to do that!)

"But that wasn't all, the Samaritan helped the man onto the donkey. He took him to the hotel which was nearby.