

Sermon Notes

Road to Jericho

“Mercy Will Take You Places You Thought You Would Never Go”

I. Introduction

A. An experience in a far away place.

1. “I was”

B. Famous city and famous route.

1. Luke 10:25-37

C. Synoptic gospel emphasis.

1. Matthew → Jewish audience

Mark → Roman audience

Luke → Gentile and Jewish audience

2. Gospels do contain linear history, but are more

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a. Answers questions over conflicting data.

3. Luke’s emphasis

a. Outsiders or the invisible people. Evident in Luke & Acts

b. Good Samaritan story is in this context.

II. Exposition.

A. The ultimate question – What must I do to inherit eternal life?

1. Seldom asked today.

2. Fulton J. Sheen.

B. Four classes of people in the story.

1. The victim, verse 30.

2. The victimizers, verse 30.

3. The indifferent, verse 32. Priest and Levite

4. The concerned, verse 33. Samaritan background.

C. Looking for an academic discussion.

1. Lawyer seeks to take pressure off by diverting the discussion to who is my neighbor.

a. James Boice.

b. Paul’s remarks on love, I Corinthians 13:4-5.

III. Luke’s emphasis.

A. What must I do to inherit eternal life? (Luke 10:25).

1. Also in Luke 18:18, Acts 2:37; and 16:30.

B. Observance of the whole law equates to eternal life.

1. Yet no one can do it.

2. Geldenhuys.

3. As those who have received maximum kindness, go and display acts of kindness to those around you.

IV. Point for Reflection.

A. The road to Jericho will take you to places which will challenge your understanding of God’s mercy given for your own miserable sin.

1. “But did the man really deserve the help?” Did you?