

Words of Love from Jesus¹

The Parable of the Good Samaritan Luke 10

²⁵ And, behold, a certain lawyer stood up, and tempted him, saying, Master, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?

²⁶ He said unto him, What is written in the law? how readest thou?

²⁷ And he answering said, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind; and thy neighbour as thyself.

²⁸ And he said unto him, Thou hast answered right: this do, and thou shalt live.

²⁹ But he, willing to justify himself, said unto Jesus, And who is my neighbour?

³⁰ And Jesus answering said, **A certain [man] went down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell among thieves, which stripped him of his raiment, and wounded [him], and departed, leaving [him] half dead.**

³¹ **And by chance there came down a certain priest that way: and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side.**

³² **And likewise a Levite, when he was at the place, came and looked [on him], and passed by on the other side.**

³³ **But a certain Samaritan, as he journeyed, came where he was: and when he saw him, he had compassion [on him],**

³⁴ **And went to [him], and bound up his wounds, pouring in oil and wine, and set him on his own beast, and brought him to an inn, and took care of him.**

³⁵ **And on the morrow when he departed, he took out two pence, and gave [them] to the host, and said unto him, Take care of him; and whatsoever thou spendest more, when I come again, I will repay thee.**

¹ Verses from *King James Version*. It has been said, "everything that came from Jesus' lips . . . focused human awareness on the two most important facts about life: God's overwhelming love for humanity, and the need for people to accept that love and let it flow through them to others," Huston Smith *The World's Religions* San Francisco: Harper, 1991:326-27. These particular verses are assessed by the Jesus Seminar for their authenticity as actually spoken by the historic Jesus. The Jesus Seminar coding: **Red** = Jesus undoubtedly said this or something like this, **Pink** = Jesus probably said something like this, **Blue** = Jesus did not say this, but the ideas contained in it are close to his own, and **Black** = Jesus did not say this; it represents the perspective or content of a later or different tradition. While the color coding of authenticity interpreted by the Jesus Seminar is provided, all of the following verses reflect traditional Christian attribution to Jesus. The Jesus Seminar is made up of some 150 Biblical scholars from throughout the world. See *The Five Gospels: The Search for the Authentic Words of Jesus*. Robert Funk, Roy Hoover, and The Jesus Seminar. Macmillan, 1993.

³⁶ Which now of these three, thinkest thou, was neighbour unto him that fell among the thieves?

³⁷ And he said, He that shewed mercy on him. Then said Jesus unto him, Go, and do thou likewise.

Turn the Other Cheek Matthew 5

³⁸ Ye have heard that it hath been said, An eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth:

³⁹ But I say unto you, **That ye resist not evil: but whosoever shall smite thee on thy right cheek, turn to him the other also.**

⁴⁰ **And if any man will sue thee at the law, and take away thy coat, let him have [thy] cloke also.**

⁴¹ **And whosoever shall compel thee to go a mile, go with him twain.**

⁴² **Give to him that asketh thee, and from him that would borrow of thee turn not thou away.**

Kingdom of God Is Among You Luke 17

²⁰ And when he was demanding of the Pharisees, when the kingdom of God should come, he answered them and said, **The kingdom of God cometh not with observation:**

²¹ **Neither shall they say, Lo here! or, lo there! for, behold, the kingdom of God is within you.**

The Beatitudes Matthew 5

¹ And seeing the multitudes, he went up into a mountain: and when he was set, his disciples came unto him:

² And he opened his mouth, and taught them, saying,

³ **Blessed [are] the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.**

⁴ **Blessed [are] they that mourn: for they shall be comforted.**

⁵ **Blessed [are] the meek: for they shall inherit the earth.**

⁶ **Blessed [are] they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled.**

⁷ **Blessed [are] the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy.**

⁸ **Blessed [are] the pure in heart: for they shall see God.**

⁹ **Blessed [are] the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God.**

¹⁰ **Blessed [are] they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.**

¹¹ Blessed are ye, when [men] shall revile you, and persecute [you], and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake.

¹² Rejoice, and be exceeding glad: for great [is] your reward in heaven: for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you.

Love Your Enemies Matthew 5

⁴³ Ye have heard that it hath been said, Thou shalt love thy neighbour, and hate thine enemy.

⁴⁴ But I say unto you, **Love your enemies**, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you;

⁴⁵ That ye may be the children of your Father which is in heaven: for he maketh his sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust.

⁴⁶ For if ye love them which love you, what reward have ye? do not even the publicans the same?

⁴⁷ And if ye salute your brethren only, what do ye more [than others]? do not even the publicans so?

⁴⁸ Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect.

The Kingdom of God is Like a Mustard Seed Matthew 13

³¹ Another parable put he forth unto them, saying, **The kingdom of heaven is like to a grain of mustard seed, which a man took, and sowed in his field:**

³² Which indeed is the least of all seeds: but when it is grown, it is the greatest among herbs, and becometh a tree, so that the birds of the air come and lodge in the branches thereof.

Love One Another John 13

³⁴ A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another.

³⁵ By this shall all [men] know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another.