

6th Class Theme 5: Social Justice

Parable of the Good Samaritan (Luke 10:30-35)

Jesus told this story: 'There was once a man who was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho when robbers attacked him, stripped him, and beat him up, leaving him half dead. It so happened that a priest was going down that road; but when he saw the man, he walked on by on the other side. In the same way a Levite also came along, went over and looked at the man, and then walked on by on the other side. But a Samaritan who was travelling that way came upon the man, and when he saw him his heart was filled with pity. He went over to him, poured oil and wine on his wounds and bandaged them; then he put the man on his own animal and took him to an inn, where he took care of him. The next day he took out two silver coins and gave them to the innkeeper. "Take care of him," he told the innkeeper, "and when I come back this way, I will pay you whatever else you spend on him."

Read the above passage two or three times.

1. How would you describe the Samaritan?
2. What did the Samaritan do to help the injured man?
3. What lesson about God do you think Jesus is trying to teach us?

No one shouted 'stop'

Everyone knew it wasn't fair
But no one shouted 'Stop'
People looked the other way,
Not knowing what to do or say,
Hoping it would go away,
But no one shouted 'Stop'

Everyone knew it wasn't just,
But no one took a stand.
They fiddled with their mobile phones,

Whispering in muffled tones,
Hurrying on the cobblestones,
But no one took a stand.

Everyone knew it wasn't right
But no one stopped to help.
One by one they hurried by
Trying not to hear the cry,
They hadn't time, they had to fly,
So no one stopped to help
(by Maria O'Rourke)

Reflection

Is this poem similar to the story from Saint Luke's Gospel on the Good Samaritan? How?

There is a different word used in each verse to describe the same thing. Can you find those three words.

During this time of COVID 19 can you describe how you might be a good samaritan?