

## Luke 10:30

*Then Jesus answered and said: “A certain man went down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell among thieves, who stripped him of his clothing, wounded him, and departed, leaving him half dead.”*

We should all be familiar with the parable of the Good Samaritan, and when we read it we think of three men mentioned in it. But did you realize it is not a parable of three men, but six or more men.

The first we usually notice mentioned is the Priest:

† **Luke 10:31** *Now by chance a certain priest came down that road. And when he saw him, he passed by on the other side.*

The next one would be the Levite:

† **Luke 10:32** *Likewise a Levite, when he arrived at the place, came and looked, and passed by on the other side.*

After that, would be the third one, who is the Samaritan:

† **Luke 10:33** *But a certain Samaritan, as he journeyed, came where he was. And when he saw him, he had compassion.*

But there are at least three more mentioned. The first one we read about is the man who fell among the thieves: *A certain man went down from Jerusalem to Jericho*

After that I would say at least two men, if not more, which would be the thieves: *fell among thieves*

And the last man would be the innkeeper:

† **Luke 10:35** *On the next day, when he departed, he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said to him, 'Take care of him; and whatever more you spend, when I come again, I will repay you.'*

But we read the story only thinking of the three, the Priest, the Levite and Samaritan. Why? Maybe because they were the focus of the parable. But what about the others. One thing I noticed that Jesus never said about the man who was attacked, where he was from. Sure it says he was traveling from Jerusalem to Jericho, but which town was he from, or was he even a Jew?

It doesn't say, only that he was *a certain man*. Even the attackers, there is no mention where they came from or once again even if they were Jewish as well?

Finally the Innkeeper, where was the inn, what kind of a man was he?

I say all of this because the state of mind now a days has to do with color, or if a person is a believer or not, or what state or country they are from or \_\_\_\_\_ you fill in the blank.

The focus Jesus was putting here was not a color or nationality or job title or religion. It was simply that someone needed help, regardless of color, race, nationality or religion.

Something to think about when you are helping others. Or better yet, don't think about it, and just help others!

† **Matthew 6:3** *But when you do a charitable deed, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing*