

Characters and characteristics in Luke 10.25-37

What do you think you know about each of these characters in their own cultural context within the framework of Luke's Gospel?

Jesus

The disciples: the Twelve, the Seventy and others (?)

A "lawyer" [nomikos]: lawyers in Luke: 7.30; 10.25; 11.45, 46, 52; 14.3 (only Matt 22.35; Titus 3.9, 13 elsewhere in NT)

[neighbor; plēsion]: only this passage in Luke (following Leviticus 19.8); see also *geitōn* as "neighbor," 14.12; 15.6, 9 (only John 9.8 elsewhere in NT) and *perioikeō* as "neighbor," 1.65

A naked, half-dead man on the Jerusalem-Jericho road: ethnicity? Status?

Robbers/bandits [lestais]: *lestais* in Luke: 10.30, 36; 19.46; 22.52 (only John 10.1, 8; 18.40; 2 Corinthians 11.26 in NT)

A priest on the Jerusalem-Jericho road: priests in Luke: 1.5, 5.14, 6.4, 10.31, 17.14

A Levite on the Jerusalem-Jericho road: Levites only Acts 4.36 (Barnabas) (John 1.19 in NT)

A Samaritan on the Jerusalem-Jericho road: Samaritans in Luke 9.52; 10.33; 17.16; Acts 8.25 (only Matt 10.5; John 4 elsewhere in NT)

An inn [*pandocheion*; only here in NT]: Inns in Luke: 2.7 (*kataluma*); 22.11 (*kataluma*) (only Mk 14.14 in NT)

An innkeeper [*pandochei*, only here in NT] down the road