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This story is an illustration of the journey of life. It was a journey that went downwards from Jerusalem, the place of the temple where people went to find God, to Jericho, a place of rebellion that was built in disobedience to God.

It pictures the fact that man has turned his back on God and is going down to a place of rebellion against God. Man's condition is degenerating. We want to look at sin and what it did to the man on the way down. The gospel message can be understood by all.

There were 3 things that happened on the road down.

1. Sin allured him – Jericho was the place to go: it attracted all kinds of folk.

Sin is like this, a bright shop front behind which is a dark cell.

2. Sin attacked him – Jericho promised so much and delivered so little. It is like chasing end of rainbow for pot of gold. He lost his dignity and he was stripped of his raiment. He was wounded and he was robbed of his strength.

“While we were yet without strength in due time Christ died for the ungodly” (Rom 5:6)

Without the gospel I cannot move one inch towards heaven. He was robbed of his prospects and he could not make it to Jericho. He was robbed of his riches, Adam lost the communication with God.

3. Sin abandoned him.

Two people passed by and neither could do anything for him.

“None that doeth good, no not one” (Rom 3:12)

“All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God” (Rom 3:23).

The Samaritan had compassion on the man. The Saviour has compassion on sinners.

There were 4 things that the good Samaritan did for him on the journey.

1. Healed him with his ointment.

He “poured in” (showing he was bountiful)

He used oil and wine which would combine to stop further infection, sooth pain and help healing.

The Samaritan had the perfect answer for the problem of the man. The gospel is God's perfect answer to the sin question. The death of the Lord Jesus Christ at Calvary has brought about the situation where God has the perfect answer.

2. He set him on his own beast.

He could not go on his own but the Samaritan took him along. He made sure the man made progress.

3. He paid for him with his own money.

As a Christian we have resources in heaven that we can call on.

4. He encouraged him with a promise. - “[When I come](#)”

The Lord Jesus is coming again. When He came the first time the promise was 4000 years old and God kept it. When He promises the second we accept it.

“[I will come again](#)” John 14:3

Everything necessary was done by the Samaritan.

Why was the man blessed? He couldn't pay or do good works – He simply put his trust in the Samaritan.

With the gospel we have to put out trust in the Christ of Calvary. We are guilty sinners and to be a Christian we need to acknowledge this.

The direction he was travelling changed the day he met the Samaritan. When Christ comes into you life the direction of your life changes.

The Samaritan did it for an enemy. Romans 5:10 reminds us that before we were saved we were enemies of God.

Heaven is gained by those who trust him.