

The Good Samaritan... with distractions

On one occasion an expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. “Teacher,” he asked, “what must I do to inherit eternal life?”

“What is written in the Law?” he replied. “How do you read it?”

He answered, “‘Love the Lord your God with **both your hearts** and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind’; and, ‘Love your neighbour as yourself.’”

“You have answered correctly,” Jesus replied. “Do this and you will **inherit the earth.**”

But he wanted to justify himself, so he asked Jesus, “And who is my neighbour **and why should I love them, especially if they’re ugly?**”

In reply Jesus said: “A man was going down from Jerusalem to **Polegate**, when he was attacked by **squirrels**. They stripped him of his clothes, beat him and went away, leaving him half dead. A priest happened to be going down the same road, and when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. So too, a **Kardashian**, when **she** came to the place and saw him, **she took a video and posted it on Instagram**, then passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan, as he travelled, came where the man was; and when he saw him, he took pity on him. He went to him and bandaged his **donkey**, pouring on **ice cream and crushed nuts**. Then he put the man on his own **motorcycle**, brought him to a **Premier inn** and took care of him. The next day he took out two **jam donuts** and gave them to the innkeeper. ‘Look after him,’ he said, ‘and when I return, I will reimburse you for any extra expense you may have.’

“Which of these three do you think was a neighbour to the man who fell into the **pond?**”

The expert in the law replied, “The one who had **ketchup** on him.”

Jesus told him, “Go and do likewise.”