

Just for a moment, think of the parable of the Good Samaritan¹ as a hero story, where the despised Good Samaritan was the last hope for the injured man. This man, after seeing two “men of God” pass him by, had to be feeling hopeless for any relief. Think of how he felt when the Samaritan stopped to help, seemingly coming out of the unknown, and supplying what the beaten man needed!

I see a parallel in that to that of the people of Israel in our time. They similarly were ignored by the Jewish leaders who did not make any efforts to actually “heal the wounds²” of the people.

But Christ, despised and rejected by many people as was the Samaritan, brought light³ into the darkness for the world injured by Satan. We, as part of that world, also feel our complete helplessness and hopelessness - and the need for deliverance. Jesus confronted that situation by giving His life for us.

As the injured man was saved by the Good Samaritan, Jesus stooped down⁴ to enter the world and save us and provide for us.

1. Luke 10:25ff
2. 1 Peter 2:24
3. John 8:12
4. Psalm 18:35 (some translations, including an earlier edition of the NIV)