

**THE GOSPEL OF ST. LUKE:
WHERE **MERCY** MEETS **HOPE** IN
THE **PERSON OF JESUS CHRIST****

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MERCY

- Beyond the strict demands of justice
- Hesed (Hb) – reaching over the line of strict justice
- Often tied to **Forgiveness** (different from reconciliation)
- Revolutionary concept in the world of the *lex talionis*

FORGIVENESS



FORGIVE

Because it's easier than math. Math is hard.

HOPE

- **Filial trust** in the plans of Divine Providence
- Excellently manifested in the Divine Mercy Chaplet: **Jesus, I TRUST in You**
- Unlike **Faith**, which resides in the intellect, **Hope** (and **Charity**) operate from the will

**MERCY MEETS HOPE IN
THE ANNUNCIATION**

LUKE 1: 5-38

HENRY OSAWA TANNER: *THE ANNUNCIATION*



MERCY MEETS HOPE IN
THE PARABLE OF
THE GOOD SAMARITAN
LUKE 10: 25-37

EUGENE DELACROIX: THE GOOD SAMARITAN



AN ALLEGORY FOR SALVATION HISTORY

- Man who falls into the hands of robbers: Adam
- Going down from Jerusalem to Jericho: Adam coming from (created by God)

CONTINUED

- Robbers: Devil and his minions
- Half-dead: wounds of original sin
- Levite and Priest: Jewish Law and the Prophets (insufficient)

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- Good Samaritan: Jesus as a Samaritan
- Oil and wine: Baptism and Eucharist
- Donkey: the Cross

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- Innkeeper: St. Peter
- Inn: the Church
- Two coins: Christ's humanity and divinity
- Good Samaritan's return: Second Coming of Christ

MERCY MEETS HOPE IN
THE PARABLE OF
THE PRODIGAL SON

LUKE 15: 11-32

THE PRODIGAL SON



THE FATHER



HIDDEN CHARACTER?

The obvious characters are:

- The Prodigal Son
- The Father
- The Elder Son
- The servants

**BUT WHO IS THE HIDDEN and VERY
Subtle CHARACTER?**

MARAMING SALAMAT, PO!

Please pray for the 70 men
preparing for the priesthood at
St. Patrick Seminary