

Reflection

The Good Samaritan did not ask the man beaten on the side of the road why he was on the side of the road. He did not ask if he deserved the beating.

The Samaritan did not offer prayers, or sermons or qualifiers for the help given.

The Samaritan rescued, healed and protected the victim.

The Samaritan is who Jesus told us to be.

- Carlos A Rodriguez

Well, this caught my attention, this week. I pray that I keep it in the forefront of my mind. Jesus never, ever told us to judge any one... In fact, in John 8:6-7 ---⁷ *When they kept on questioning him, he straightened up and said to them, "Let any one of you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her."*

Someone noted that the only one who was eligible (Jesus) did not cast the stone. But it is so easy for me to jump in and judge. I am tempted to pass judgment on those who don't look like me, those who have not had the opportunities I have had, those who were raised differently and even those who believe differently. But that is not being a Christ-follower, is it? No matter how I might color it or try to justify it, Jesus clearly said not to judge. Only He and His Father know the heart of another. We were tasked with drawing all to Him, not sending anyone away. We are called to be "fishers" of men. Not judges of men. I will try to do better.

Blessings, Rosemary

