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"But a Samaritan, as he journeyed, came to where he was." Lk. 10:33

This is what our Lord Jesus did. He saw us helpless, overpowered by the devil, robbed, deserted and He came to where we were.

David said, ***"He drew me up from the pit of destruction and out of the miry bog and set my feet on a rock, making my steps secure"*** Ps. 40:2. David's words so often fit your condition and mine!

The Lord Jesus was made flesh and took our nature upon Himself. He was made sin because we are sinners. He saw us as helpless and came to save us. He saw us as robbed and He was not surprised because He knew the character of the thief (Jn. 10:10). But He came to give life and life more abundant. He came where we were.

In this same way He still comes to our 'neighbours' with their special background and temptations that are only dimly understood even by the most discerning of us. He still comes to us workers – often caught off guard by the watchful enemy of our souls and often sorely wounded!

He comes to you. He knows exactly the stage each one of us has reached. It is there – right at that place – that He comes to us. He isn't somewhere far removed. He comes where we are right now. There is no distance at all from where you are to where He is!

He has come. The victim was unconscious but the Samaritan saw him and had compassion on him. You may or may not have called on Him today pleading for His help. In any case He sees your need quite apart from any appeal from you.

He has with Him exactly what you need. The Samaritan had to hand the bandages, the oil and the wine as if he had already prepared for just such an emergency. Our Lord Jesus has made the most complete preparations for dealing with your need. However strange your condition might be, it doesn't take Him by surprise. The wounded man could do nothing to help himself. The Samaritan completely undertook for him leaving him no responsibility at all in the matter.

Shall we admit that we are in the same position? If you are not in a horrible pit, is it because you yourself have scrambled out of it? Or do you agree that we have no hope unless the Lord Jesus has compassion on us? The victim had no claim on the one who saved him. I had no claim whatever on the Lord Jesus, the King of Glory, until He came to where I was.

In fact, if our need is to be met, we need to come to the point of admitting that we have no plea except the one expressed by Charles Wesley in one of his hymns:

What shall I say Your grace to move?
Lord I am sin but You are love!
I give up every plea beside,
Lord I am damned, but You have died.

He who has come where we are is able to:

- Save completely – Heb. 7:25
- Keep us from falling – Jude 24
- Make all grace abound to us – 2 Cor. 9:8
- Perform all He has promised – Heb. 10:23
- Do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine – Eph. 3:20

As that wounded man lay by the roadside, what must it have been like to look up into the face of that stranger and to see his compassion? He not only saw that compassion but he was offered proof after proof of the stranger's resourcefulness and his ability to deal with the situation!

Nothing was forgotten! Not content with bringing him safely to the inn, the stranger left instructions with the innkeeper and enough money to cover all necessary expenses together with a promise to cover any shortfall!

Look up now into the face of Jesus. Your helplessness is ended. You need never be hopeless or in despair again! Do you not read in that face infinite compassion, infinite resourcefulness and infinite power? This is the confidence we have in Him! As we look into His face there is healing, encouragement, the comforting sense of being cared for. Our part is to commit ourselves wholly to the One Who came where we are.