

Introduction: Mysteries are meant to be enjoyed, not explained.

1. MERCY IS BETTER DESCRIBED:

- a. We spend too much time trying to explain God.
- b. Mercy is described by actions (Luke 10:36-37).

2. MERCY TAKES RISKS:

- a. The good Samaritan took too many risks.
- b. God was willing to take a risk on us (Romans 5:6,8).

3. MERCY IS A WINDOW FOR TRUTH:

- a. The good Samaritan saw the truth...a man in need.
- b. Mercy goes beyond human reasoning, touching the heart (Matt. 18:21,35).

4. MERCY IS A TRANSFORMING POWER:

- a. Mercy calls for transformation (Romans 11:33 – 12:2).
- b. We must submit ourselves to the Holy Spirit (Galatians 5:16-18).

CONCLUSION: When mercy is at work, it will often be a mystery.