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***The parable of the
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“What is just/right I will pay you”

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Kenneth Bailey:

Here Bethlehem & Jerusalem join hands

Here Incarnation & Atonement kiss each other

Self-giving takes on the form of offers of costly love

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Ibn al-Tayib in the 11th century:

“In the Gospel salvation thru Christ is open to both Simeon who held the baby Jesus in the Temple at the beginning of His life and to the thief who believed at its end.”

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He doesn't call him friend (philos) but rather hetairos = someone whose name you do not know
Early Arabic versions translate this, “You who are doing the shouting”

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Question 6 – Is your level of satisfaction driven by what others have/get?

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