

Who is Jesus?

Our Example - Compassion

Compassion - to have the bowels yearn, i.e. (figuratively) feel sympathy, to pity. (Thayer's)

Compassion - "to be moved as to one's inwards (splanchna), to be moved with compassion, to yearn with compassion," (from Vine's Expository Dictionary of Biblical Words, Copyright © 1985, Thomas Nelson Publishers.)

Points to Consider

1. Jesus had compassion on the sick
2. Jesus had compassion on those lacking basic provisions
3. Jesus had compassion on the spiritually sick and confused

Jesus Had Compassion on the Sick

Mark 1:40-45 *Now a leper came to Him, imploring Him, kneeling down to Him and saying to Him, "If You are willing, You can make me clean." 41 Then Jesus, moved with compassion, stretched out His hand and touched him, and said to him, "I am willing; be cleansed." 42 As soon as He had spoken, immediately the leprosy left him, and he was cleansed. 43 And He strictly warned him and sent him away at once, 44 and said to him, "See that you say nothing to anyone; but go your way, show yourself to the priest, and offer for your cleansing those things which Moses commanded, as a testimony to them." 45 However, he went out and began to proclaim it freely, and to spread the matter, so that Jesus could no longer openly enter the city, but was outside in deserted places; and they came to Him from every direction. NKJV*

The pity Jesus felt for the leper _____ Him to heal him.

Lev 13:45 *"Now the leper on whom the sore is, his clothes shall be torn and his head bare; and he shall cover his mustache, and cry, 'Unclean! Unclean!' 46 "He shall be unclean. All the days he has the sore he shall be unclean. He is unclean, and he shall dwell alone; his dwelling shall be outside the camp.*

Leprosy affected one's health, social status and _____.

At times leprosy was a _____ from God.

Jesus illustrated His compassion when He reached out and _____ him.

Matt 20:29-34 *Now as they went out of Jericho, a great multitude followed Him. 30 And behold, two blind men sitting by the road, when they heard that Jesus was passing by, cried out, saying, "Have mercy on us, O Lord, Son of David!" 31 Then the multitude warned them that they should be quiet; but they cried out all the more, saying, "Have mercy on us, O Lord, Son of David!" 32 So Jesus stood*

still and called them, and said, "What do you want Me to do for you?" 33 They said to Him, "Lord, that our eyes may be opened." 34 So Jesus had compassion and touched their eyes. And immediately their eyes received sight, and they followed Him. NKJV

Most people are _____, not compassionate. The multitudes warned them to be quiet.

The Apostles turned the children away. The Pharisees kicked the blind man out of the Synagogue.

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Jesus hears the _____ in the voice of these two blind men, He stops, asks them what they want, and then He helps them.

Jesus Had Compassion on Those Lacking Basic Provisions

Matt 14:14-16 *And when Jesus went out He saw a great multitude; and He was moved with compassion for them, and healed their sick. 15 When it was evening, His disciples came to Him, saying, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is already late. Send the multitudes away, that they may go into the villages and buy themselves food." 16 But Jesus said to them, "They do not need to go away. You give them something to eat." NKJV*

Matt 15:32-38 *Now Jesus called His disciples to Himself and said, "I have compassion on the multitude, because they have now continued with Me three days and have nothing to eat. And I do not want to send them away hungry, lest they faint on the way." 33 Then His disciples said to Him, "Where could we get enough bread in the wilderness to fill such a great multitude?" 34 Jesus said to them, "How many loaves do you have?" And they said, "Seven, and a few little fish." 35 So He commanded the multitude to sit down on the ground. 36 And He took the seven loaves and the fish and gave thanks, broke them and gave them to His disciples; and the disciples gave to the multitude. 37 So they all ate and were filled, and they took up seven large baskets full of the fragments that were left. NKJV*

In both of these instances the people had neither _____ nor a way to quickly provide it for themselves.

Jesus doesn't want to send the people away to fend for themselves as the apostles wanted to do. Jesus' compassion mandated that He _____ something to help those who were hungry.

Matt 19:21 *Jesus said to him, "If you want to be perfect, go, sell what you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow Me."* NKJV

Jesus didn't tell the rich young ruler to give to the temple. He told him to give to the poor.

Luke 4:16-22 *So He came to Nazareth, where He had been brought up. And as His custom was, He went into the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and stood up to read. 17 And He was handed the book of the prophet Isaiah. And when He had opened the book, He found the place where it was written: 18 "The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, Because He has anointed Me To preach the gospel to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, To proclaim liberty to the captives And recovery of sight to the blind, To set at liberty those who are oppressed; 19 To proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord." 20 Then He closed the book, and gave it back to the attendant and sat down. And the eyes of all who were in the synagogue were fixed on Him. 21 And He began to say to them, "Today this Scripture is fulfilled in your hearing." 22 So all bore witness to Him, and marveled at the gracious words which proceeded out of His mouth. And they said, "Is this not Joseph's son?"* NKJV

Jesus said His mission, as given by God, included preaching the _____ to the poor.

Matt 11:2-6 *And when John had heard in prison about the works of Christ, he sent two of his disciples 3 and said to Him, "Are You the Coming One, or do we look for another?" 4 Jesus answered and said to them, "Go and tell John the things which you hear and see: 5 The blind see and the lame walk; the lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear; the dead are raised up and the poor have the gospel preached to them. 6 And blessed is he who is not offended because of Me."* NKJV

Jesus offered the fact that he taught the poor as proof to John that He was the _____.

Matt 25:35-36 *...for I was hungry and you gave Me food; I was thirsty and you gave Me drink; I was a stranger and you took Me in; 36 I was naked and you clothed Me; I was sick and you visited Me; I was in prison and you came to Me.'* NKJV

Compassion is at the very _____ of Christianity.
Based on the story of the Good Samaritan, it is necessary to fulfill the second greatest commandment.

Jesus Had Compassion on the Spiritually Sick and Confused

Matt 9:35-38 *Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people. 36 But when He saw the multitudes, He was moved with compassion for them, because they were weary and scattered, like sheep having no shepherd. 37 Then He said to His disciples, "The harvest truly is plentiful, but the laborers are few. 38 Therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest."* NKJV

Jesus had compassion on the people because they were _____ and scattered.

They didn't have a shepherd to take care of them. The multitudes following Jesus were the very ones _____ by the religious elite of the day. Jesus knew the real answer was to get people into the fields to _____ His message of love and compassion.

Matt 23:37 *O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the one who kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to her! How often I wanted to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, but you were not willing!* NKJV

Luke 19:41-44 *Now as He drew near, He saw the city and wept over it, 42 saying, "If you had known, even you, especially in this your day, the things that make for your peace! But now they are hidden from your eyes. 43 For days will come upon you when your enemies will build an embankment around you, surround you and close you in on every side, 44 and level you, and your children within you, to the ground; and they will not leave in you one stone upon another, because you did not know the time of your visitation."* NKJV

The inhabitants of Jerusalem were the ones most opposed to Jesus. This was where the religious elite lived.

Jesus was _____ over the fate that the city and its residents were going to suffer.

Luke 19:1-10 *Then Jesus entered and passed through Jericho. 2 Now behold, there was a man named Zacchaeus who was a chief tax collector, and he was rich. 3 And he sought to see who Jesus was, but could not because of the crowd, for he was of short stature. 4 So he ran ahead and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see Him, for He was going to pass that way. 5 And when Jesus came to*

the place, He looked up and saw him, and said to him, "Zacchaeus, make haste and come down, for today I must stay at your house." 6 So he made haste and came down, and received Him joyfully. 7 But when they saw it, they all complained, saying, "He has gone to be a guest with a man who is a sinner." 8 Then Zacchaeus stood and said to the Lord, "Look, Lord, I give half of my goods to the poor; and if I have taken anything from anyone by false accusation, I restore fourfold." 9 And Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because he also is a son of Abraham; 10 for the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost." NKJV

When the Jewish people saw Zacchaeus, they saw a sinner: Jesus saw a _____ saint.

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