



JESUS'S COMPASSION



“You, Lord, are a compassionate and gracious God, slow to anger and abounding in faithful love and truth.” (Psalm 86:15)

THE NEED	JESUS'S COMPASSION IN ACTION	THE MISSION FOR BELIEVERS
“Jesus continued going around to all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the good news of the kingdom, and healing every disease and every sickness.” (Matt. 9:35)	“When he saw the crowds, he felt compassion for them, because they were distressed and dejected, like sheep without a shepherd.” (Matt. 9:36)	We are called to pray to the Lord to send out workers into His harvest that people may be saved, and we are to go as those workers (Matt. 9:37-38; 28:18-20; Acts 26:16-18).
“When Jesus heard about [John the Baptist's execution], he withdrew from there by boat to a remote place to be alone. When the crowds heard this, they followed him on foot from the towns. When he went ashore, he saw a large crowd, had compassion on them, and healed their sick.” (Matt. 14:13-14)	“When evening came, the disciples approached him and said, ‘This place is deserted, and it is already late. Send the crowds away so that they can go into the villages and buy food for themselves.’ ‘They don't need to go away,’ Jesus told them. ‘You give them something to eat.’” (Matt. 14:14-16)	We are called to give sacrificially to those in need with cheerful hearts as if giving to the Lord (Matt. 25:31-40; Acts 2:44-47; 4:32-35; 2 Cor. 9:6-9; 1 John 3:16-18).
“When they heard that Jesus was passing by, they cried out, ‘Lord, have mercy on us, Son of David!’ . . . Jesus stopped, called them, and said, ‘What do you want me to do for you?’” (Matt. 20:30-32)	“‘Lord,’ they said to him, ‘open our eyes.’ Moved with compassion, Jesus touched their eyes. Immediately they could see, and they followed him.” (Matt. 20:33-34)	We encourage others to follow Jesus (Matt. 20:34; Acts 16:30-32; 2 Cor. 5:16-21).
“Then a man with leprosy came to him and, on his knees, begged him, ‘If you are willing, you can make me clean.’” (Mark 1:40)	“Moved with compassion, Jesus reached out his hand and touched him. ‘I am willing,’ he told him. ‘Be made clean.’ Immediately the leprosy left him, and he was made clean.” (Mark 1:41-42)	We share what Jesus has done for us and encourage others to walk in obedience and to proclaim the good news (Mark 1:43-45; Eph. 4:1-3; 6:19-20).
“Just as he neared the gate of the town, a dead man was being carried out. He was his mother's only son, and she was a widow. A large crowd from the town was also with her.” (Luke 7:12)	“When the Lord saw her, he had compassion on her and said, ‘Don't weep.’ Then he came up and touched the open coffin, and the pallbearers stopped. And he said, ‘Young man, I tell you, get up!’ The dead man sat up and began to speak, and Jesus gave him to his mother.” (Luke 7:13-15)	We are called to glorify God and to tell others that God has come near (Luke 7:16-17; Rom. 15:5-13).
“As soon as Mary came to where Jesus was and saw him, she fell at his feet and told him, ‘Lord, if you had been here, my brother wouldn't have died!’” (John 11:32)	“When Jesus saw her crying, and the Jews who had come with her crying, he was deeply moved in his spirit and troubled. ‘Where have you put him?’ he asked. ‘Lord,’ they told him, ‘come and see.’ Jesus wept.” (John 11:33-35)	We weep and grieve but not without hope because those who trust in Jesus will be resurrected (John 11:38-45; 1 Cor. 15:50-58; 1 Thess. 4:13-18).

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