



AUTHENTIC JESUS

Authentic Compassion

[Mark 10:17-22]

*Blessed are those who mourn,
for they shall be comforted. Matthew 5:4*

The Road to Compassion

- [1] Being in Tune with God's Heart [Sadness]
Psalm 16:7 [Night Seasons - Gloom]
- [2] Understanding the Source of God's Sadness
2 Peter 3:9 [Perishing]
- [3] Resisting the Temptation to Become Numb
to the Needs of the World Around You
Psalm 23:1-3 ; 1 Peter 2:25 [Soul Care]
- [4] [Instead] Prayerfully Pursue God's Heart
Psalm 63:5-8 [Soul Satisfaction]
- [5] Being Overwhelmed by God's Compassion
2 Corinthians 1:3-4 [Supremely Blessed]

Discussion Questions/Prayer

- [1] Review *The Road to Compassion*. Where are you right now on the Road. . .? What do you need to work on?
- [2] Read Luke 7:11-17. In these moments we see the Lord's heart of compassion in Pleasantville. How did Jesus' compassionate response to this widow change her life? How can we impact a person's life when they are lacking hope and need compassion?
- [3] Read Psalm 16:7. Think of someone going through a night season in their life. What are some practical ways you can show Godly compassion to them?
- [4] Pray for an increased awareness to see people who need compassion and motivation to minister to them.

3 Requirements of Compassion

[1] The Heart of Jesus

Luke 7:12-14 As he drew near to the gate of the town, behold, a man who had died was being carried out, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow, and a considerable crowd from the town was with her. ¹³ And when the Lord saw her, he had compassion on her and said to her, "Do not weep." ¹⁴ Then he came up and touched the bier, and the bearers stood still. And he said, "Young man, I say to you, arise."

[2] Ministry of Presence [Matthew 9:27-38]

Jesus Heals Two Blind Men [27-31]

²⁷ And as Jesus passed on from there, two blind men followed him, crying aloud, "Have mercy on us, Son of David."

²⁸ When he entered the house, the blind men came to him, and Jesus said to them, "Do you believe that I am able to do this?" They said to him, "Yes, Lord." ²⁹ Then he touched their eyes, saying, "According to your faith be it done to you."

³⁰ And their eyes were opened. And Jesus sternly warned them, "See that no one knows about it." ³¹ But they went away and spread his fame through all that district.

Jesus Heals a Man Unable to Speak [32-34]

³² As they were going away, behold, a demon-oppressed man who was mute was brought to him. ³³ And when the demon had been cast out, the mute man spoke. And the crowds marveled, saying, "Never was anything like this seen in Israel." ³⁴ But the Pharisees said, "He casts out demons by the prince of demons."

Jesus has Compassion for the Crowd [35-38]

³⁵ And Jesus went throughout all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction.

³⁶ When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. ³⁷ Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; ³⁸ therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest."

[3] Sharing in the Suffering of Our Neighbor

Mark 10:17-22 And as Jesus was setting out on his journey, a man ran up and knelt before him and asked him, "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" ¹⁸ And Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good except God alone. ¹⁹ You know the commandments: 'Do not murder, Do not commit adultery, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Do not defraud, Honor your father and mother.'"

²⁰ And he said to him, "Teacher, all these I have kept from my youth." ²¹ And Jesus, looking at him, loved him, and said to him, "You lack one thing: go, sell all that you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me." ²² Disheartened by the saying, he went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions.