

SERMON NOTES - February 5, 2023
Mt.15.29-39 - "Compassion for the Outsider" #194

The God of Scripture is a God of **compassion**.

John 3.16: _____

❖ It is God's compassion for man that, from the time of the **Fall**, has offered the way back to Him.

Lamentations 3.22: _____

❖ The Lord's compassion gives fallen mankind opportunity to **repent** and be saved.

The Gospel was for all men—long before Peter's vision.

None of the Gospel writers gives **details** of the healings - we are simply told that *He healed them*.

Jesus' healings were instantaneous and complete.

Compassion is taken from the Latin, which means to **suffer with**.

The Lord ended each phase of His ministry with a feeding:

- ✚ He ended the ministry in Galilee with the feeding of the five thousand.
- ✚ He ended the ministry in the Gentile area with the feeding of the four thousand.
- ✚ He ended the Judean ministry with the feeding of His own in the upper room."

Important lessons from Jesus' Gentile ministry:

1st, we see Jesus' **unrivaled** divine power.

2nd, He set Himself totally **apart** from self-proclaimed divine healers of past years & modern times.

3rd, we learn that the goal of ministry is **worship**.

4th, we see the necessity of relying on divine **resources**.

We are most usable to the Lord when we acknowledge our own lack of resources.

5th, we learn that God's resources are never **diminished**.

6th, we learn about the servant's **usefulness**.

7th, we learn that God gives **liberally**.

Lk.6.38: _____

8th, is the lesson of spiritual **investment**.

9th, is the **limitless** compassion of Jesus Christ – the overarching lesson.

CONCLUSION:

Our compassion is not measured by our **feelings** but by our **giving**.