

The Compassion of Jesus  
Matthew 9:35-10:15  
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Introduction . . .

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**1. Because Jesus Was Compassionate, He saw People are they really are . . .**

- a. Sinners . . . Matthew 7:11
- b. Without direction . . .
- c. In need of a message of Good News

**2. Because Jesus Is Compassionate, He Tells Us to Pray for More Workers**

**3. Because Jesus Is Compassionate, He Sent Them out to Continue His Ministry**

- a. The 12 was a diverse group . . . which is what He needed to reach the people
- b. Both preaching and miracles
- c. A word on miracles
  - i. First, all healing is from God . . .
    - (1) whether from a miracle . . .
    - (2) or from medicine . . . or diet . . .
    - (3) see Don't Waste Your Cancer by John Piper . . .
  - ii. Second, what we are discussing today is not NORMATIVE . . . Israel . . . Go ye into all the world . . .
  - iii. In Scripture, most miracles were performed by the apostles – Acts 2:43; 2 Corinthians 12:12

- iv. In Scripture, miracles are very few and far between
  - (1) Moses and Joshua
  - (2) Elijah and Elisha
  - (3) Jesus and the apostles
  - (4) the Tribulation
  - (5) only a scattered few other miracles . . . . David did no miracles . . . Daniel performed no miracles . . . no healings . . .
- v. Most people in Scripture were not healed of diseases
  - (1) Paul wanted to preach in Galatia, but did not because he was ill
  - (2) Paul left Trophimus behind on one trip because he was ill – 2 Tim. 4:20
  - (3) Epaphroditus was “sick unto death” – Phil. 2:25
  - (4) death and disease is common to humans and Christians are not exempt from that . . . now, death is not a thing to be feared for we believers . . .
  - (5) the Bible does not say, “For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be healed . . . “
  - (6) it does say, “For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.”
- vi. Those who want to use miracles for evangelism are sorely disappointed
  - (1) Jesus performed many miracles, and those did not produce much faith – John 11:47
  - (2) the crowds were attracted by His

miracles, but repelled by His demands – John 6:66

- d. But don't miss the point . . . Jesus sent these 12 out to continue His ministry . . .
- e. And they had to have both the words . . .
- f. And the deeds . . .
- g. They had to have the talk . . .
- h. And the walk . . .
  - i. And so do we . . .
  - ii. **Rom 12:1-2** I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, *which is* your reasonable service. (2) And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what *is* that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.
  - iii. **1Pe 2:1-2** Wherefore laying aside all malice, and all guile, and hypocrisies, and envies, and all evil speakings, (2) As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby: **1Pe 2:9-10** But ye *are* a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should show forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvelous light: (10) Which in time past *were* not a people, but *are* now the people of God: which had not obtained mercy, but now have obtained mercy.

**4. Because Jesus was Compassionate, His Followers Cannot Be in it for Personal Financial Gain**

- a. Freely ye have received = you didn't pay for it so

- b. give it away free of charge
- b. The laborer is worthy of his hire = those who receive God's gift of salvation are to support those who serve full-time – 1 Corinthians 9
- c. False teachers are in it for the money – Romans 16:18; 2 Peter 2
- d. Dust off your feet = treat them like pagans

**5. Because the Need Was So Great, Jesus Tells Us the Truth– vv. 11-16**

- a. "Worthy" = those who want to receive Jesus' message
- b. Rejection of Jesus' disciples, because they are His disciples, brings God's judgment
  - i. Shake off the dust – pronounce judgment
  - ii. Sodom and Gomorrah – cities destroyed because of their wickedness – Gen. 19
- c. The truth of the matter:
  - i. God loves the world and sent His Son – John 3:16
  - ii. The Son paid our justly-deserved punishment on the cross – Romans 5
  - iii. But those who reject His Son are living under God's wrath – John 3:36
  - iv. For those who believe God's message and look to the Son by faith, they are guaranteed heaven – John 14:1-6
  - v. For those who reject God's message are guaranteed judgment and hell – Revelation 20:13-14
  - vi. There is no middle ground

**For us**

- 1. Do you see people as needy or as problems?
- 2. Do you pray for more workers?

3. Do you share the Gospel with the unsaved?
4. Do you tell the truth to the unsaved in your life?
5. Do you have the talk and the walk?