The Compassionate Jesus

Matthew 15:29-39

Intro:

A.   **Jesus departed the coasts of Tyre and Sidon.**
   1.   He traveled near to the Sea of Galilee.
        V.1,29
   2.   he went up into a mountain.
   3.   "...he sat down there"

B.   **The multitudes found Him and came to Him.   V.30**
   1.   lame = χωλος = "crippled in the feet."
   2.   blind = τυφλos = "blind"
   3.   dumb = κωφos = "deaf"
   4.   maimed = κυλλos = "bent", "crooked," esp. hands.
   5.   "...cast them down at Jesus' feet..."
   6.   This was with a sense of urgency.

C.   **Jesus healed them all.   V.31**
   1.   wondered = θαυμαζω = "to marvel," 'to admire."
   2.   They glorified the God of Israel.

I.   The Objects Of Jesus' Compassion.

A.   **"I have compassion on the multitude..."   v.32**
   1.   compassion = σπλαγχνιζομαι = "to feel the bowls year," 'to have pity."
   2.   He told His disciples of His pity.

B.   **"...because they continue with me now three days and have nothing to eat:"**
   1.   continue = προσμενω = "to remain at a place with a person", "to remain there"
   2.   They have been with me continually for three days and there is nothing left to eat."

C.   **"...and I will not send them away fasting, lest they faint in the way."**
   1.   fasting = νηστιs = "not having eaten."
   2.   faint = εκλυω = "to loose out of," "to loosen out", "to be weary, exhausted," esp. from failure of power."

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3. Jesus was emotionally touched because these people, a multitude, stayed in His presence continually for three days. They were without energy to go on.

II. The Obstacles To Jesus' Compassion.

   A. **Too little bread, too many people.**
     1. There was no place to buy, "so much bread." **V.33**
     2. There was, so great a multitude."
     3. The need and the supply were miles apart.

   B. **Statistics are often barriers to faith.**
     1. Noah and the ark.
     2. Abraham and the unknown.
     3. Moses and the Red Sea.
     4. We are human. We see the problem as a human. We see the solution as a human. God see the solution as God, not a man. We must see has God sees. Only then can we move by faith.

III. Can God Set A Table In The Wilderness?

   A. **The disciples had forgotten Israel's history.**
     1. Psalm 78:19
     2. God had done many wonderful things for them. They had forgotten them.
     3. Can God furnish a table?
     4. He gave deliverance from Egypt, He gave drink from the depths, The asked for meat. God can build a table, can He furnish it?
     5. Their unbelief angered God. vs.21-22

   B. **God can build a table and God can furnish a table and that in a wilderness!**
     1. What is the problem? Job, Task
     2. What is the solution?
     3. Does God want it done?

   C. **God also has compassion.**
     1. **vs.34-37** – They remembered God.
     2. **vs.38-39** – He knew their frame.

IV. Jesus Set A Table In The Wilderness.

   A. **"How many loaves have ye?"**

1. "seven"
2. ...and a few little fishes.

B. **"How many people have ye?"**
   1. "four thousand men"
   2. "beside women and children."

C. **What the people did.**
   1. <u>commanded</u> = κελευω = "order that something be done" **v.35**
   2. "Stand still and see the salvation of the Lord"
   3. What did you do to be saved?

D. **What did the disciples do?**
   1. He took the seven loaves and fishes. **V.36**
   2. He gave thanks.
   3. He brake them.
   4. He gave o the disciples.
   5. The disciples gave to the multitudes.

E. **The end of the story. V.37**
   1. "And they did all eat."
   2. "...and they took up of the broken meat that was left seven baskets full."
   3. "And he sent away the multitude..." **v.39**