

THE COMPASSIONATE CHRIST

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Truly one of the most notable characteristics of Jesus Christ, the Son of God, is His loving compassion. The Holy Spirit reveals examples of this in the Gospel accounts:

He healed the sick - *"And Jesus went forth, and saw a great multitude, and was moved with compassion toward them, and he healed their sick"* (Matthew 14:14).

He fed the hungry - *"In those days the multitude being very great, and having nothing to eat, Jesus called his disciples unto him, and saith unto them, I have compassion on the multitude, because they have now been with me three days, and have nothing to eat: And if I send them away fasting to their own houses, they will faint by the way: for divers of them came from far"* (Mark 8:1-3).

He comforted the bereaved - *"Now when he came nigh to the gate of the city, behold, there was a dead man carried out, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow: and much people of the city was with her. And when the Lord saw her, he had compassion on her, and said unto her, Weep not"* (Luke 7:12-13).

He supported the weak - *"But Jesus said, Suffer little children, and forbid them not, to come unto me: for of such is the kingdom of heaven"* (Matthew 19:14).

He found and forgave lost sinners - *"And he turned to the woman, and said unto Simon, Seest thou this woman? I entered into thine house, thou gavest me no water for my feet: but she hath washed my feet with tears, and wiped them with the hairs of her head. Thou gavest me no kiss: but this woman since the time I came in hath not ceased to kiss my feet. My head with oil thou didst not anoint: but this woman hath anointed my feet with ointment. Wherefore I say unto thee, Her sins, which are many, are forgiven; for she loved much: but to whom little is forgiven, the same loveth little. And he said unto her, Thy sins are forgiven"* (Luke 7:44-48).

It is interesting to read the wonderful things that Christ did while on earth. While we have many of Christ's acts of compassion recorded, John explained that Christ actually did much more than was recorded: *"And many other signs truly did Jesus in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book: But these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through his name"* (John 20:30, 31); *"And there are also many other things which Jesus did, the which, if they should be written every one, I suppose that even the world itself could not contain the books that should be written. Amen"* (John 21:25).