

Compassionate Christ

Matthew 14:13-21, 15:32-39

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- *Matthew 14:13* ¹³Now when Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there in a boat to a desolate place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns.

Compassion of Christ to Heal

- *Matthew 14:14* ¹⁴When he went ashore he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion on them and healed their sick.
 - *Matthew 15:29-31*

Compassion of Christ to Supply and Satisfy

Feeding of the 5,000 among the Jews

Disciples approach Jesus

- *Matthew 14:15-18* ¹⁵Now when it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a desolate place, and the day is now over; send the crowds away to go into the villages and buy food for themselves." ¹⁶But Jesus said, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." ¹⁷They said to him, "We have only five loaves here and two fish." ¹⁸And he said, "Bring them here to me."

Jesus miraculously feeds the crowd

- *Matthew 14:19-21* ¹⁹Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass, and taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and said a blessing. Then he broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. ²⁰And they all ate and were satisfied. And they took up twelve baskets full of the broken pieces left over. ²¹And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

Feeding of the 4,000 among the Gentiles

Jesus approaches the disciples

- *Matthew 15:32-34* ³²Then Jesus called his disciples to him and said, "I have compassion on the crowd because they have been with me now three days and have nothing to eat. And I am unwilling to send them away hungry, lest they faint on the way." ³³And the disciples said to him, "Where are we to get enough bread in such a desolate place to feed so great a crowd?" ³⁴And Jesus said to them, "How many loaves do you have?" They said, "Seven, and a few small fish."

Jesus miraculously feeds the crowd

- *Matthew 15:35-39* ³⁵And directing the crowd to sit down on the ground, ³⁶he took the seven loaves and the fish, and having given thanks he broke them and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. ³⁷And they all ate and were satisfied. And they took up seven baskets full of the broken pieces left over. ³⁸Those who ate were four thousand men, besides women and children. ³⁹And after sending away the crowds, he got into the boat and went to the region of Magadan.

So What?

- **Am I looking to Christ to supply my needs?**
 - *Philippians 4:19*
- **Am I looking to Christ to satisfy my greatest need?**
 - *John 6:33-35*