

## *Through the New Testament*

Part 3 – Preparing the Messiah’s Messengers

“There’s a Work to be Done for the Kingdom of Heaven”

Matthew 14:13-21

The Feeding of the Five Thousand: ONLY MIRACLE 4 GOSPELS

Context: (1) Parables of the mustard seed and leavened flour...  
(2) Herod and John the Baptist

Read v. 13a “to a secluded place *by Himself*”  
There will be a change in Jesus’ ministry  
v. 13b “they followed Him on foot”  
Why did they follow Him? For His teachings?  
What would have been your reaction?

Read v. 14  
Our God is a God of compassion  
Compassion means “having a feeling of deep sympathy for another’s suffering and misfortune.”  
Lot: removed because of the compassion of the Lord.  
Deut: The compassion of God will cause the nation to increase, and it will be the compassion of God that draws them back from all the nations after the captivity.  
Nehemiah pled his case to God on the basis of God’s compassion.  
David frequently called on the Lord on the basis of the Lord’s compassion. In Psalm 103 David declares, “Our God is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger and abundant in lovingkindness.” In Psalm 116 he declares, “Yes, our God is compassionate.”  
Jesus told the Pharisees and scribes, “Go and understand what this means, “I desire compassion and not sacrifice...”  
Paul instructs the believers in Colossi:  
“So, as those who have been chosen of God, holy and beloved, put on a heart of compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience; bearing with one another, and forgiving each other...”

Why did Jesus have such compassion?

Because He is God.

Mark says, “Like sheep w/o a shepherd...”

“...He taught them many things....”

Compassion does not come naturally.

It is not a part of man’s polluted nature.

Compassion must be learned. It requires empathy.

Women are better than men...

But compassion is more than just having empathy

You can have a professional empathy

But true compassion requires gut-wrenching *feeling*...

Watching football game.

In the medical environment...

In spite of the crowds

The endless demands...

The inability to get alone by Himself even during grief.

Jesus never lost his sense of compassion.

**GOD WILL NEVER LOSE HIS SENSE OF COMPASSION FOR YOU.**

Continue on with text.

**LESSONS:**

You can learn to *feel* compassion.

Instead of hatred for Islamic extremists, you feel...

Whatever you have...bring it to Jesus

Jesus will take whatever you have and multiply it.

Jesus wants YOU to feed them.