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 = χώλος = "crippled in the feet."
   2. blind = τυφλός = "blind"
   3. dumb = κοφός = "deaf"
   4. maimed = κυλλός = "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 = θαумαζω = "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 = σπλαγχνίζομαι = "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 = νησπις = "not having eaten."
   2. faint = εκλυω = "to loose out of," "to loosen out", "to be weary, exhausted," esp. from failure of power."
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.
   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. commanded = κηρύσσω = “order that something be done”  \( \text{v.35} \)  
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.  \( \text{v.36} \)  
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.  \( \text{v.37} \)  
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...”  \( \text{v.39} \)