

Crossroads of Compassion



Luke 22:47-53

⁴⁷ But even as Jesus said this, a crowd approached, led by Judas, one of the twelve disciples. Judas walked over to Jesus to greet him with a kiss. ⁴⁸ But Jesus said, “Judas, would you betray the Son of Man with a kiss?” ⁴⁹ When the other disciples saw what was about to happen, they exclaimed, “Lord, should we fight? We brought the swords!” ⁵⁰ And one of them struck at the high priest’s slave, slashing off his right ear.

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⁵¹ But Jesus said, “**No more of this!**” And he touched the man’s ear and healed him.

⁵² Then Jesus spoke to the leading priests, the captains of the Temple guard, and the elders who had come for him. “Am I som dangerous revolutionary?” he asked, “that you come with swords and clubs to arrest me? ⁵³ Why didn’t you arrest me in the Temple? I was there every day. But this is your moment, the time when the power of darkness reigns.”



SELF

OTHERS

Ephesians 5:2

Live a life filled with love, following the example of Christ. He loved us and offered himself as a sacrifice for us, a pleasing aroma to God.

Matthew 14:14

Jesus saw the huge crowd as he stepped from the boat, and he had **compassion** on them and healed their sick.

Matthew 9:36-38 New International Version (NIV)

³⁶ When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. ³⁷ Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. ³⁸ Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.”

Com·pas·sion [kuhm-pash-uhn]

noun : a feeling of deep sorrow for another who is stricken by misfortune, accompanied by a strong desire to alleviate the suffering.



COMPASSION = $\frac{\text{WHAT IF THAT WERE ME?}}{\text{I'M GLAD THAT'S NOT ME}}$

If you want **others** to
be happy, practice
compassion. If **you** want
to be happy, practice
compassion.

[His Holiness The Dalai Lama]

Isaiah 61:1-3 (NLT)

61 The Spirit of the Sovereign LORD is upon me,
for the LORD has anointed me
to bring good news to the poor.

He has sent me to comfort the brokenhearted
and to proclaim that captives will be released
and prisoners will be freed.^[a]

² He has sent me to tell those who mourn
that the time of the LORD's favor has come,^[b]
and with it, the day of God's anger against their enemies.

³ To all who mourn in Israel,^[c]

he will give a crown of beauty for ashes,
a joyous blessing instead of mourning,
festive praise instead of despair.

In their righteousness, they will be like great oaks
that the LORD has planted for his own glory.

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