

Dissimilarities to Jesus' Example of Friendship

- He was God in the flesh
- He had impeccable communication with the Father
 - Prayer life
 - Mark 1:35, Luke 5:16, Luke 6:12
- Knew the goal of his first coming
 - Mark 9:30-32
- No one come between Jesus and his goal
 - Even family (Mark 3:31-35)

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- Had realistic view of friendship
- First priority – concern for what the Father required

Jesus Was Compassionate

- Mark 1:41 – Jesus was “moved with compassion”
 - Healed leper – touched him
- Mark 6:34/Matthew 14:14 – Jesus “felt compassion”
 - Large crowd → Like sheep without a shepherd
 - Jesus taught them “at length” or “many things”

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- Mark 8:2/Matthew 15:32 – Jesus “felt compassion”
 - Large crowd – been with them 3 days
 - In desolate place – cannot get food
 - Jesus concerned they may faint on the way home
 - Feeds 4,000 men plus women and children
- Matthew 20:34 – Jesus was “moved with compassion”
 - Healed two blind men at Jericho

Jesus Was Compassionate

- Luke 7:13 – Jesus “felt compassion”
 - Widow of Nain’s only son has died
 - Jesus stops funeral procession
 - Widows faced desperate circumstances
 - Had no way to support themselves
 - Jesus commands widow not to cry!
 - Jesus commanded the boy to “be raised”
 - Jesus gave boy to his mother

Jesus

- Did not allow compassion/concern for others to take away from his relationship with God
 - Spent time with God the Father
- Saw incredible need, but not overwhelmed by it
 - Kept focused on the goal of this first coming
 - Prioritized his most important relationship
- How do we practice compassion today?