

# ★ But Ye Would Not

1st - 3rd Grade  
Lesson 5

## The Compassion of Christ

While Jesus was on earth, He tried to warn His people that their sin would bring them much sadness. But they would not listen.

### **What Is Compassion?**

Compassion means to feel what someone else is feeling. Have you ever seen someone get hurt? How did you feel? When they were crying, did it make you want to cry too? That is compassion. The Bible says that God is full of compassion for us. (Psalm 86:15) But He does more than just feel sorry for us. Jesus' compassion for us makes Him do something to help us.

### **Christ's Compassion for Multitudes**

Jesus told the story about feeding 4,000 men plus the women and children with them. These people had been with Jesus for three days. They were hungry. The disciples wanted to send them home. But Jesus knew they needed something to eat. So He fed them. (Matthew 15:32)

People followed Jesus everywhere He went. Many people followed Him because they wanted to be healed. Jesus could have told them to go back home. He could have said they were following Him for the wrong reason. But He didn't. He had compassion on them. And He healed many of them.

The Bible says that Jesus "was moved with compassion toward them, because they were as sheep not having a shepherd" (Mark 6:34). When Jesus saw the people, He loved them. He wanted them to know that He is God's Son. He wanted them to be saved. So He taught them many things that they needed to know.

### **Christ's Compassion for Individuals**

It is true that Jesus cared about the crowds of people. But it is also true that He cares about each of us as a person. One day as Jesus walked along the road, two blind men started calling His name. The crowds tried to make them be quiet. But Jesus had compassion on them. He went over to them and touched their eyes. Now they could see. (Matthew 20:34)

On another day, a man with leprosy came to Jesus. He bowed down and begged Jesus to heal him. Mark 1:41 tells us that Jesus touched him and healed him.

Another time, a woman was crying. Her husband was dead, and now her son had died too. Her friends were carrying her son's body out of the city to bury him. But Jesus had compassion on the woman. He went over to her son's body. He told the boy to sit up. And he did! He sat up and spoke. The woman had no more reason to cry.

### **Christ's Lessons on Compassion**

Jesus told the crowds some stories to help them understand His compassion for them.

