

Biblical orthodoxy without compassion is surely the ugliest thing in the world.

Francis Schaeffer

Compassion is the deep feeling of sharing in the suffering of another and the desire to relieve that suffering.

Jerry Bridges

Some fear witnessing because they don't feel confident enough in their persuasive powers or their ability to answer all imaginable objections to the gospel. But the power for evangelism is not in our ability; it is in His gospel. You may have never imagined that an unbeliever could actually be born again by hearing of Christ from your lips. But that's not humility. It's doubt, a denial of God's blessing upon His gospel just because it is spoken by you. Don't doubt the power of God to add His blessing upon your words when you speak of Christ.

Donald Whitney

What they (others) most need is to see in you a reflection of what God is like and of the transforming power of the Gospel. Your life can create hunger and thirst for God in others' lives and can be a powerful instrument in the hand of the Holy Spirit to draw their hearts to Christ.

Nancy Leigh DeMoss

Many believers are "rabbit hole" Christians. In the morning they pop out of their safe Christian homes, hold their breath at work, scurry home to their families and then off to their Bible studies, and finally end the day praying for the unbelievers they safely avoided all day.

Jan Johnson

The great principle of 'incarnational mission' (teaches us that)...the ministry of Jesus was one of involvement, not detachment; and therefore we must face the fact that we cannot minister to a lost world if we are not in it.

Alistair Begg

Joy is the winsome magnet that draws people in because it is the one thing they do not have.

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Half right, but all wrong

Luke 19:37, 38

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Planned destruction

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Jesus Response as Our Model
Security in His sovereignty
Weep, Warn, Correct, Instruct
Do it all with humility, integrity, and love

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Kids Notes

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The Questions

Answer the following questions. The answers are on the back.

- When Jesus looked out over Jerusalem, He:
 - cried because of the people's hard hearts.
 - declared that they had missed their chance to know Him.
 - warned them of coming judgment.
 - all of the above.
- Jesus rode into Jerusalem on a:
 - colt.
 - convertible.
 - strong man's shoulders.
 - all of the above.
- We are to view those in our world:
 - with great compassion.
 - as our enemies.
 - as competing for Jesus' attention.
 - all of the above

For Family Discussion: Why did Jesus cry over Jerusalem? How should we look at our city?

Space to Doodle

Did You Hear It?

Mark the times you hear these key words:

JERUSALEM _____	TOTAL: _____
AGENDA _____	_____
CROWD _____	_____
JESUS _____	_____
CRITICS _____	_____
COMPASSION _____	_____

Word Search

Find the following words in the scramble below. Letters are sometimes used twice, and words may go around corners.

JERUSALEM AGENDA CROWD JESUS CRITICS COMPASSION
 ENEMIES FEAR ANGER HATRED LOVE INTEGRITY WINSOME TEARS
 WEPT COLT DISCIPLES BETHANY BETHPHAGE OLIVES TEMPLE
 CLEANSED ROBBERS DEN ISAIAH JEREMIAH ZECHARIAH

J H Y K J X X Z S Z J S F M D D R
 D E A Z S Z R C O M P A S S I O N
 E I R I C R I T I C S I J S R L B
 S P S U R T E M P L E E C X E E R
 N G A A S A W E P T S I J O T Z H
 A S I D I A H T F U P P X H L A D
 E K N T N A L C S L E S A R I T E
 L R T I P E H E E I I N R M U D R
 C W E F L M G S M Z Y J E A C S T
 R I G R E G N A E C D R A M E S A
 O N R E G A H P H T E B E V I T H
 W S I C N U Q X P J N V I R B E P
 D O T S R E B B O R O L Z A T P S
 A M Y O P T W N T L O R K E I A W
 V E H W G J A X X K Z W R F J Q T