



# The Heart of the Good Shepherd

Mark 6:30-44

Is His authority cold, cruel, callous, and critical?

Does Jesus abuse His authority in harsh, demanding, selfish, and prideful ways?

Is His authority irrelevant and unconnected to the human need that is all around Him, **or is it especially related to that need?**

How does the Son of God use His power and authority when faced with the needs and oppositions of sinful humanity?

How does Jesus define the need? Mark gives us the answer in two ways.

- 1) He tells us what **induced** Jesus' compassion for them.
- 2) He tells us how Jesus **acted** compassionately.

## I. Compassion Perceiving the Need (John 6:34)

- They were spiritually lost and aimless

*“All of us like sheep have gone astray, each of us has turned to his own way...” (Is. 53:6)*

God sees **our** lostness through **His** compassion.

## I. Compassion Perceiving the Need (John 6:30-34)

- They were blind and helpless

*“...the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelieving, that they might not see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.”  
(2 Cor. 4:4)*

God is compassionate and ready to forgive.

## II. Compassion Providing for the Need (John 6:37-44)

- **The lack of compassion in the leaders of Israel.**  
Herod and the Pharisees used and abused the people.

Ezekiel 34:1-10

## II. Compassion Providing for the Need (John 6:37-44)

*Jesus “saw a great multitude, and He felt **compassion** for them because they were like sheep without a shepherd...”*

Isaiah 42:6-7

Jesus' first response:

*“and He began to **teach** them many things.”*



Who is Jesus Christ?

John 6:26-40

Jesus is your compassionate **Bread of Life.**

Who is Jesus Christ?

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 30-31

Jesus is your compassionate **Good Shepherd**.

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