



Jesus is the greatest leader in world history.

- No human being has had more followers than Jesus.
- No one has had a greater influence on the world for good than Jesus.
- No one has been honored more than Jesus.

We are all leaders. If you want to become a successful leader, you need to learn from the greatest leader in world history.

What was it about Jesus that made Him the greatest leader of all time?

- [Jesus was a servant leader.](#)

Jesus was God. He had unlimited power. He had unlimited resources. He had unlimited knowledge.

Instead of using His power, resources, and knowledge to serve Himself, He used these things to serve others.

He emptied Himself to make others successful. He sacrificed Himself to serve the needs of others.



- [Jesus was a forgiving leader.](#)
- [Jesus was a courageous leader.](#)
- [Jesus was a faithful leader.](#)
- [Jesus was a compassionate leader.](#)

[Matthew 9:36-38](#)

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38 Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest.

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One of the strongest motivations in the human heart is compassion.

Compassion is a condition of the heart. The heart in scripture is the seat of our affection. Having compassion in your heart is identifying with the pain and difficulties that another person is experiencing and yearning for them to be relieved.

splagchnizomai (splangkh-nid'-zom-ahee); to have the bowels yearn, i.e. (figuratively) feel sympathy, to pity:

Have you ever felt someone's pain so deeply in your heart that it affected your gut?

Jesus felt this way for this multitude of people. The reasons that are given are... They fainted-The Hebrew word for fainted means they were experiencing extreme sorrow and distress to the point that they did not care about themselves. They were hopeless. Jesus saw the people BURDENED with the rites of religion and the doctrines of the Pharisees; sinking down under their ignorance and the weight of their traditions.

They were scattered abroad-They were outcasts. They were disenfranchised. They were rejected and neglected group of people, perhaps by their families, but certainly by the pharisees and the Sanhedrin. They felt no hope for their own souls. They were unclean with no hope of being clean.



They had no shepherd-There was nothing more vulnerable in the wilderness of Israel than a sheep in a weakened condition that was separated from its flock with no shepherd to tend to it.

This multitude of people had no shepherd to lead them. They had no one to tell them the truth and save them up from their shame and miserable condition. They were vulnerable to false teachers and false prophets.

This is what Jesus saw and as a result, He felt compassion. His compassion moved Him to act. Compassion is a deep and powerful motivation that moves people to action. Every great benevolent cause begins with an individual moved by compassion.

Compassion is empathy with feet!

- Jesus had compassion for those who did not have a faithful shepherd to guide them. Matthew 9:36-38

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- [Jesus had compassion for those who were sick](#)

Matthew 14:14

14 And Jesus went forth, and saw a great multitude, and was moved with compassion toward them, and he healed their sick.

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Matthew 20:34

34 So Jesus had compassion on them and touched their eyes: and immediately their eyes received sight, and they followed him.

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Mark 1:41-42

41 And Jesus, moved with compassion, put forth his hand, and touched him, and saith unto him, I will; be thou clean.

42 And as soon as he had spoken, immediately the leprosy departed from him, and he was cleansed. KJV

- [Jesus had compassion for those who were hungry and tired](#)

Matthew 15:32

32 Then Jesus called his disciples unto him, and said, I have compassion on the multitude, because they continue with me now three days, and have nothing to eat: and I will not send them away fasting, lest they faint in the way.

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- [Jesus had compassion for those that were not in their right mind](#)

Mark 9:22-23

22 And oftentimes it hath cast him into the fire, and into the waters, to destroy him: but if thou canst do any thing, have compassion on us, and help us.

23 Jesus said unto him, If thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth.

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- [Jesus had compassion for those who were grieving their loss](#)

Luke 7:13-14

13 And when the Lord saw her, he had compassion on her, and said unto her, Weep not.

14 And he came and touched the bier: and they that bare him stood still. And he said, Young man, I say unto thee, Arise.

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- [Jesus had compassion for the foreigner](#)

Mark 5:19

19 However, Jesus did not permit him, but said to him, "Go home to your friends, and tell them what great things the Lord has done for you, and how He has had compassion on you."

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- [Jesus had compassion for His enemies](#)

Matthew 23:37-39

37 "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the one who kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to her! How often I wanted to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, but you were not willing!

38 See! Your house is left to you desolate;

39 for I say to you, you shall see Me no more till you say, 'Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!'"

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Having compassion can be very difficult when someone has harmed you or someone you love.

But this is exactly what we see in Jesus. At a time when He knew that the people of Jerusalem were going to hurt Him and would eventually hurt his disciples that He loved, Jesus had compassion for them.

- [Jesus had compassion for all mankind](#)

It is natural for a father or a mother to have compassion for their children no matter what they do wrong. When reproduction occurs, there is a natural powerful compassion for our offspring.

When no one else sees and feels a child's pain, a parent can and we want to relieve it. That is the way God feels for all of us because we are His offspring.

[Acts 17:28-29](#)

[28 for in Him we live and move and have our being, as also some of your own poets have said, 'For we are also His offspring.'](#)

[29 Therefore, since we are the offspring of God, we ought not to think that the Divine Nature is like gold or silver or stone, something shaped by art and man's devising.](#)

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Jesus compared Himself to a hen and the people of the Jerusalem to his chicks.

Jesus has compassion for all mankind because all of us are His offspring created in His image.

The Psalmist said this about the Lord.

Psalms 145:8

8 The Lord is gracious and full of compassion, Slow to anger and great in mercy.

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Jesus is the greatest leader who ever lived because He was and is a compassionate leader.

How do we become compassionate like Jesus?

1. Salvation

Experience the resurrection power of Jesus Christ

2. Suffering

- Suffering ourselves

James 1:2-4

2 My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials,

3 knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience.

4 But let patience have its perfect work, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking nothing.

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As we suffer, we can grow in compassion for those who are suffering like we suffered.

- Suffering with others

The more you invest in people that are suffering the more you grow in compassion.

3. Seeing

- See the value of people.

Jesus saw the intrinsic value of every human being. Since every human being is created in the image of God, every human being.

Genesis 1:26-27

26 Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth."

27 So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.

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Since we're all God's offspring, everyone is our kin. We are a part of a worldwide brotherhood. We may have enemies to our ideology and beliefs but even our enemies are our brothers.

It is not us against them. It is us saving us our brothers!

When you see the intrinsic value of every human being, you will grow in compassion.

- Seeing the lost condition of mankind

Because of the fall of mankind, we are all lost sheep without a shepherd.

4. Surround

Surround yourself with compassionate people whose purpose is to follow Jesus

Salvation is a process of change that begins with your conversion to Christ and continues for the rest of your life. That process is called sanctification. It is a process of growing in love and in faith. It is a process that does not occur in isolation. You must surround yourself with people whose purpose is to follow Jesus.

If you are going to get significantly intentionally involved with any cause that you believe is important in your mind, you are going to have to see people the way Jesus sees them grow in compassion in your heart for those people you want to serve.

Certainly, this is true for the cause of discipleship in the church. The main reason that there are not enough laborers is there are not enough church members that have compassion for others.

You invest in people when you have compassion for them.

If you are not discipling others the way Jesus disciplined the twelve, it is because you are immature, and you need to grow in compassion in your heart.

