When the Lord saw her, He had compassion on her and said to her, "Do not weep."

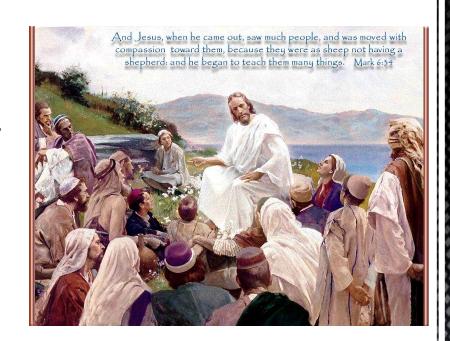


Our God who is full of mercy and compassion!



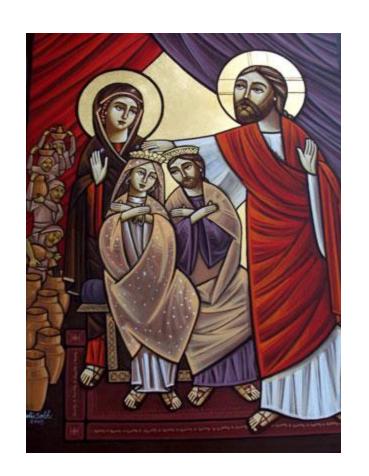
I. God moved with compassion

- "But when He saw the multitudes,
 He was moved with compassion for them" Matthew 9:36
- "I have compassion on the multitude, because they have now continued with Me three days and have nothing to eat" Matthew 15:32
- "Therefore, when Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her weeping, He groaned in the spirit and was troubled" John 11:33



II. He shared our joy and grieved with those who suffered

- Attending the wedding at Cana of Galilee
- Wept at Lazarus's tomb
- "In all their affliction He was
 afflicted, And the Angel of
 His Presence saved them; In His love
 and in His pity He redeemed them;
 And He bore them and carried them
 All the days of old"



Isaiah 63:9

III. His patience is because of His mercy

- "The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance"
 2 Peter 3:9
- His patience with Judas Iscariot was to the end.
- His patience with Saul who became
 St. Paul, the chosen vessel



IV. His care for others' feelings

- The Samaritan woman
- St. Peter
- Zaccheaus
- The leper: "Then He put
 out His hand and touched him,
 saying, 'I am willing; be
 cleansed." Luke 5:13



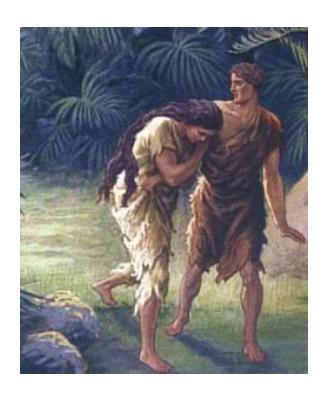
V. His haste to forgive and accept those who repent

- The people of Nineveh
- The prodigal son: "But when he was still a great way off, his father saw him and had compassion, and ran and fell on his neck and kissed him" Luke 15:20
- King Ahab: "But there was no one like Ahab who sold himself to do wickedness in the sight of the LORD"
 1 Kings 21:25
 - "See how Ahab has humbled himself before Me?
 Because he has humbled himself before Me, I will not bring the calamity in his days" 1 Kings 21:29



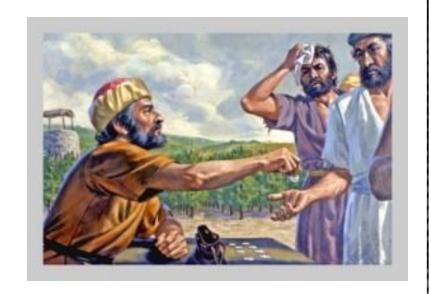
VI. His care for the broken

- He covered Adam and Eve's nakedness
- He befriended the despised: "a friend of tax collectors and sinners!" Matthew 11:19
- He looked after the strangers and the widows



VII. His generosity in giving

- He rewarded the laborers of the 11th hour as those who worked the whole day.
- He granted the steward with the two talents as the one who traded with five talents
- He calls good the land that yielded thirtyfold as the one who yielded a hundred.



VIII. His serving love

- He called us children and He told us to call him "Father"
- He had time to spare eating
 with His disciples and enjoying
 their company in a private
 place
- He washed the feet of those whom He loved

