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AUTHENTIC COMPASSION
LUKE 4:14-21

INTRODUCTION:

A. "The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, for He has anointed Me to bring Good News to the poor. He has sent Me to proclaim that the captives will be released, that the blind will see, that the oppressed will be set free, and that the time of the Lord's favor has come."

Luke 4:18-19

I. JESUS CAME TO BRING COMPASSION

- A. Jesus came to help the poor.
 - The "have-less" around us.
 - Jesus came to share an "enriching word" which is good news!

- B. Jesus came to heal the broken hearted.
 - The "let-down" in our sphere of influence.
 - Jesus was always on the look-out so He could see the hurt of others.

- C. Jesus came to free the imprisoned.
 - The "locked-up" in our community.
 - Jesus proclaims freedom.

- D. Jesus came to open the eyes of the blind.
 - The "shut-out" in our midst.
 - Jesus enables people to recover their sight.

- E. Jesus came to release the oppressed.
 - The "kicked-around" in the world.
 - Jesus came to speak up for those who are taken advantage of.

II. JESUS CALLS US TO HAVE HIS HEART OF COMPASSION

- A. We need to care like Jesus cared. (Ephesians 5:2)

- B. We need to keep focused like Jesus did. (Luke 9:59-62)

- C. We should be concerned about what concerned Jesus.
 - Jesus was concerned about the unmet needs of children (Mark 10:13-14)
 - Jesus was concerned when those who suffer were ignored (Luke 11:46)

- D. We must be sacrificial as Jesus sacrificed (Ephesians 2:13)

CONCLUSION: