

As we begin this morning I'd like to call your attention to Mark 6:34
where we read about our Lord Jesus Christ, looking upon the people. And we read there:

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Mark 6:34 "And Jesus, when he came out, saw ~~much~~ ^{many} people, and was moved with compassion toward them, because they were as sheep not having a shepherd: and he began to teach them many things."

Jesus was moved with compassion toward them. I wonder how much we realize the compassion of Jesus. I wonder how much we have in our lives, in our own lives, of the compassion of Jesus. I think of Matthew 23:37, just ^{shortly} before He went to be crucified, ^{when} He said, "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, thou that killest the prophets, and stonest them ^{who} ~~which~~ are sent unto thee, how often would I have gathered thy children ~~and~~ together, even as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings, and ye would not!" The compassion of God. The compassion of the Lord ^{Jesus} ~~Jesus~~ Christ, is ~~it's~~ something we need to think of frequently, and something we need to imitate in our own lives if we are to be His servants. But ~~there's~~ ^{then I thought} ~~think~~ particularly ^{in this verse,} ~~of those words~~ ~~in~~ Mark 6:34 of one reason why He had compassion on them: they were as sheep without a shepherd. Well, what do we think of sheep? We think of sheep as something rather foolish - something like in the old days before they had so many cars. When ^{used to} ~~I would~~ drive; there were very few cars - and ^{if} ~~as~~ you came down a road and there was ~~there would be~~ a cow. And if the cow was ^{as soon as you got} ~~there~~ near it would ~~run to~~ ^{run to} the other side of the road, and ~~she~~ ^{she} had to run across in front of you. I think the sheep would probably run across in back of you. But sheep without a shepherd: ^{poor,} ignorant, silly sheep. Now of course no one in this room now belongs in that category. ~~But~~ But the people with whom ^{you will have} ~~we have~~ to deal, ^{you will} ~~we find~~, are in that category, and you will be amazed how widespread it ^{is.} ~~is~~. People are not logical. People don't think things through clearly. People are like sheep; they're like sheep without a shepherd. I remember about 30 years ago, when I was in the Presbytery of Phila. of the U.S.A. Presbyterian Church. And a motion was brought in to approve of the Board of Foreign Missions, but to request ^{Pearl} ~~the~~ Board not to send out ~~any~~ more missionaries like ~~Pearl~~ ^{Pearl} Buck who was denying the Gospel and denying the Bible. And I got up and I said, "I think this is very inconsistent, very illogical, ^{you} ~~to~~ pass a motion approving of the Board, and then ^{in the} ~~a~~ ~~motion~~ you say the Board has done a ~~same~~"