

John 11:1-44
Sermon Notes
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Matthew 1:22-23 ESV

22 All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet: 23 "Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel"(which means, God with us).

Sometimes, compassion waits.

James 1:2-4 NLT

2 Dear brothers and sisters, when troubles of any kind come your way, consider it an opportunity for great joy. 3 For you know that when your faith is tested, your endurance has a chance to grow. 4 So let it grow, for when your endurance is fully developed, you will be perfect and complete, needing nothing.

Sometimes, compassion is angry

Anger is a divinely implanted emotion. Closely allied to our instinct for right, it is designed to be used for constructive spiritual purposes. The person who cannot feel anger at evil is a person who lacks enthusiasm for good. If you cannot hate wrong, it's very questionable whether you really love righteousness.

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James 1:19-20 ESV

19 Know this, my beloved brothers: let every person be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger; 20 for the anger of man does not produce the righteousness of God.

Ephesians 4:26 ESV

26 Be angry and do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger,

Nehemiah 5:6 ESV

6 I was very angry when I heard their outcry and these words.

Sometimes, compassion speaks

Luke 16:31 ESV

31 He said to him, 'If they do not hear Moses and the Prophets, neither will they be convinced if someone should rise from the dead.'"

When spiritual activity — from acts of healing to eucharistic worship to praise choruses — is engaged without a richly rooted theological context, we are vulnerable.

Romans 10:17 ESV

17 So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.

Romans 12:2 ESV

2 Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.