The Holy Spirit Enables Us To Be Compassionate Like Christ

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Jesus went out as usual to the Mount of Olives.

The Mount of Olives was the place where Jesus went regularly to pray, the synagogue was the place where Jesus went regularly to worship.





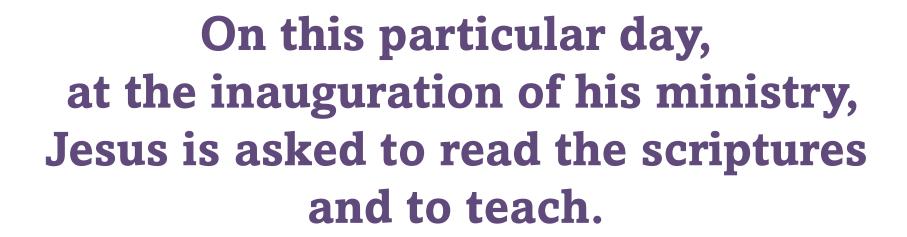
We should always pray and not give up.





Worship is also about fellowship.

It is in the fellowship that the fire of the Spirit may best be kindled and rekindled in our souls.







In eight words, Jesus made a profound and declaratory announcement about who he is and his mission in life.







The Spirit of the Lord is upon "me" because he has anointed "me." He has sent "me!" The Spirit of the Lord is upon you and me like it was upon Jesus.





For we were all baptized by one spirit into one body.



Those who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God.



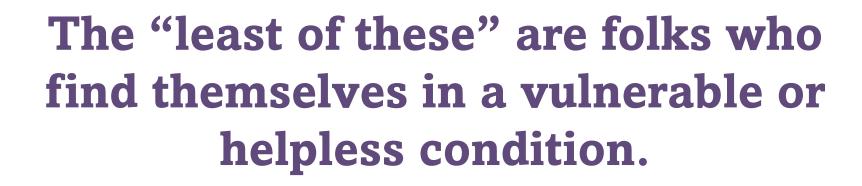
We are commanded to be filled with the Spirit and when the Spirit comes on us, we are filled with power to be God's witnesses in the world.

The word "anoint" is the Hebrew word Massah which means to "rub or to smear" referring to the act of anointing one with oil for the purpose of consecrating or setting them apart for a special assignment or work.



Acts 10:37-38

You know what happened through Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached-how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power, and how he went around "doing" good and healing all those who were under the power of the devil because God was with him.







The least of these are in prison. Prison rates in America are the highest in the world, at 724 people per 100,000.

Matthew 25:40

As you did it to one of the least of these my brothers and sisters, you did it to me.

As a church and as members of the body of Christ we are empowered, called, sent to practice risk-taking mission and service in the name of Christ, both here at home and abroad.



The word "mission turns church service outward."

What motivated Jesus' mission of service to the downtrodden, the dispossessed and the disinherited was his compassion. Jesus was compassionate.



The word compassion is the strongest word for pity in the Greek language. It comes from the noun which means "the bowels." To have compassion is to be moved at the deepest depth of your being.



What group of suffering humanity do you feel the most compassion for? What do you feel moved to do for them?



But God is calling us to more, so much more. God is calling us to move beyond the comfortable to throw caution to the wind. God wants us to take some risks as we engage in mission.



Discussion

Have we gotten too comfortable performing ministry in predictable ways, in safe places with people that we know all too well?

2 Timothy 1:7

God has not given us a spirit of timidity or fear, but a spirit of power, love and a sound mind.

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What do you feel called to do for others that you have never done before?

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