

JESUS IS

*COMPASSIONATE*

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- **Note takers:** Note the people in the stories
- **Bible readers:** Follow along and help us out when we need it
- **Intent listeners:** Listen to the mood/demeanor of the characters in the story
- **Space cadets:** Try to pay attention
- **No clue:** Choose one of the above!

# Jonah

3:1-4:3

(Bible Readers: I'm skipping a few verses but I believe in you to follow along!)

**Matthew**

**20:30-34**

Luke

18:15-17

John

7:53-8:1

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The fact that “compassionate and gracious” is at the top of the list of character traits means **it's the dominant one.**

That's the problem with this God Yahweh—you just can't trust him to keep back blessing from people who don't deserve it. He goes around blessing all sorts of unsavory characters. People who aren't religious or spiritual or even good. Because he's compassionate and gracious to everybody. Most of us want mercy for ourselves—and justice for everybody else. But it doesn't work like that. **God shows mercy to all.**

- *God Has a Name*, John Mark Comer

Jesus is  
compassionate...therefore  
we are compassionate.

# Compassion:

- Deep awareness of the suffering of another accompanied by the wish to relieve it
- Literally, a suffering with another; hence, a feeling of sorrow or pity excited by the sufferings or misfortunes of another; sympathy; commiseration; pity.

Who are **you**  
in the story?

“You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous person, though for a good person someone might possibly dare to die. But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: **While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.**”

- Romans 5:6-7

“So when you, a mere human being, pass judgment on them and yet do the same things, do you think you will escape God’s judgment? Or do you show contempt for the riches of his kindness, forbearance and patience, not realizing that **God’s kindness is intended to lead you to repentance?**”

- Romans 2:3-4

How do **you**  
**view God** (who  
is Jesus)?

Jesus first instinct is **compassion**.  
His first inclination is **forgiveness**.  
His first impulse is to **lean in**  
rather than back away.