

People without a Table / Around the Table
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God deeply cares for those without Table (John 3:16 For God so loved the world that He gave His Son, Jesus)

Jesus was sent to live out the love of God toward people without a table. He did this many times by enjoying table fellowship. So much so that people mistakenly considered him a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners (Matt 11:19)

The distinctive of Jesus' attitude toward those without a table was: Splanghnidzomai

Explain Splanghnidzomai :

- moved with compassion
- a special Jesus word
- Looking at these moments of Jesus being moved with compassion:
 - Mark 6:30-34 "sheep without a shepherd"
 - Mark 1:41 "If you are willing . . ."
 - Matt 20:34 WDWMTDFY "Lord, let our eyes be opened!"
 - Mark 9:22 Father with traumatized son. Pleads: have compassion
 - Luke 7:13 Widow grieving her only son. "Don't weep."
 - Luke 10:33 Good Samaritan
 - Luke 15:20 Father of the prodigal
 - Matt 18:27 The King who forgives

We behold Jesus to become like Him. This Splanghnidzomai starts with the heart of God. As we think about those without a Table, may God Himself pour into our hearts the same compassion that led Him to send Jesus, and that led Jesus to engage, teach, heal, talk and fellowship with sinners.