

"Sometimes we don't even have food on the table. Like, I haven't eaten anything. I mean, I go straight to the kitchen to look for something to eat and I open the refrigerator and it's empty. I just hate this situation."

As you think about Juan and his family, I hope a feeling of concern and compassion wells up inside you. He is a young man, made in the image of God, who needs help--as do many other people in our world.

Jesus recognised the needs of the people around Him. He fed a huge crowd that had been with Him for 3 days. His miraculous power was displayed as He fed several thousand people from a meagre amount of loaves and fishes.

As you think of the people around you, how can God use you to compassionately feed and serve them? Are there physical needs (food, shelter, clothing, a job) that you can help meet? Are there spiritual needs that can be met as you help them feed on the Word of God?

Let your compassion for others flow from the love that God has placed in your heart. Help someone today! --TF

#### REFLECTION

- What can I do to help the poor and needy in my community?
- Why is it important for me to be compassionate toward others?
- Can I think of someone who needs my help right now? If not, should I ask God to send me someone?



**When you sense someone's need--meet it!**

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## Central Mountains Baptist Church

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### Juan's Story

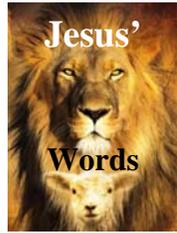
When Juan was 15, he and his family made an 18-hour journey from the heart of Mexico to the United States. His father, a legal resident of the US, moved his family to their new country--illegally.

The family lives just a few hundred feet north of the US/Mexico border. At 19, Juan has found life to be hard.

"My family," says Juan, "lives in a trailer house with seven brothers and three sisters. And this house is about 50 feet long. We've got three bedrooms. But, when the night comes we all sleep wherever . . . on the floor, kitchen, wherever.

"Right now my Dad's got this job that pays one-sixty a week. I mean, come on, what is one-sixty a week for a big family like us?"

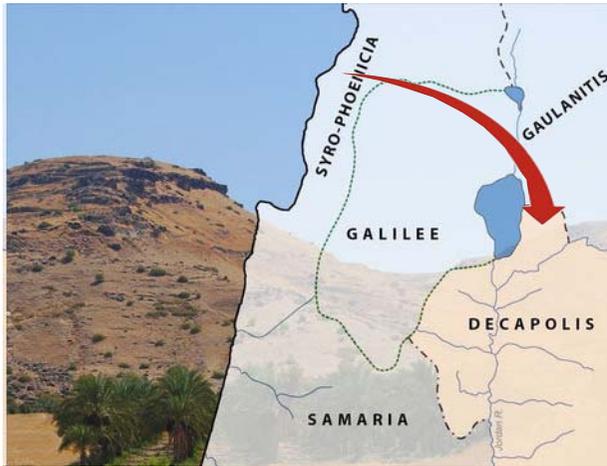




# Our Sweet Lord

Mark 7:31-8:10 describes Jesus ministry in Decapolis revealing 7 sweet realities about the person of Jesus: (the first two today)

1. Jesus is \_\_\_\_\_, 7:31-37, 8:1-8



**(Matthew 15:29)** "Jesus departed from there, skirted the Sea of Galilee, and went up on the mountain and sat down there."

**(Deuteronomy 7:1-4)** ""When the LORD your God brings you into the land which you go to possess, and has cast out many nations before you, the Hittites and the Girgashites and the Amorites and the Canaanites and the Perizzites and the Hivites and the Jebusites, seven nations greater and mightier than you, {2} "and



when the LORD your God delivers them over to you, you shall conquer them and utterly destroy them. You shall make no covenant with them nor show mercy to them. {3} "Nor shall you make marriages with them. You shall not give your daughter to their son, nor take their daughter for your son. {4} "For they will turn your sons away from following Me, to serve other gods; so the anger of the LORD will be aroused against you and destroy you suddenly."

**(Matthew 15:30-31)** "Then great multitudes came to Him, having with them the lame, blind, mute, maimed, and many others; and they laid them down at Jesus' feet, and He healed them. {31} So the multitude marveled when they saw the mute speaking, the maimed made whole, the lame walking, and the blind seeing; and they glorified the God of Israel."



**(John 9:32-33)** ""Since the world began it has been unheard of that anyone opened the eyes of one who was born blind. {33} "If this Man were not from God, He could do nothing.""  
**(Matthew 15:38)** "Now those who ate were four thousand men, besides women and children."  
**(Matthew 9:36)** "But when He saw the multitudes, He was



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moved with compassion for them, because they were weary and scattered, like sheep having no shepherd." **(Romans 12:10-13)** "Be kindly affectionate to one another with brotherly love, in honour giving preference to one another; {11} not lagging in diligence, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord; ...; {13} distributing to the needs of the saints, given to hospitality."  
**(Isaiah 41:10)** "Fear not, for I am with you; Be not dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you, Yes, I will help you, I will uphold you with My righteous right hand."

2. Jesus is \_\_\_\_\_,

**(John 20:30-31)** "And truly Jesus did many other signs in the presence of His disciples, which are not written in this book; {31} but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name."

**(Hebrews 2:3-4)** "how shall we escape if we neglect so great a salvation, which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed to us by those who heard Him, {4} God also bearing witness both with signs and wonders, with various miracles, and gifts of the Holy Spirit, according to His own will?"



**(Exodus 7:3)** ""And I will harden Pharaoh's heart, and multiply My signs and My wonders in the land of Egypt."

**(Isaiah 8:18)** "Here am I and the children whom the LORD has given me! We are for signs and wonders in Israel From the LORD of hosts, Who dwells in Mount Zion."

**(Acts 2:22)** ""Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a Man attested by God to you by miracles, wonders, and signs which God did through Him in your midst, as you yourselves also know;"

**(Acts 2:43)** "Then fear came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were done through the apostles."

**(Matthew 24:24)** ""For false christs and false prophets will rise and show great signs and wonders to deceive, if possible, even the elect."

**(Matthew 24:21)** ""For then there will be great tribulation, such as has not been since the beginning of the world until this time, no, nor ever shall be."

**(Romans 10:9)** "that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved."

**(2 Corinthians 5:15)** "and He died for all, that those who live should live no longer for themselves, but for Him who died for them and rose again."