

Philippians 4:5 “Let your moderation be known unto all men. The Lord is at hand.”

Just before and after the crucifixion there were many troubled and perplexed people.

James 4:8a “Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you.”

Psalms 145:18 “The LORD is nigh unto all them that call upon him, to all that call upon him in truth.”

Psalms 73:28 “But it is good for me to draw near to God.”

I. JESUS DRAWS NEAR IN THE MIDST CONFUSION - Vss. 4, 13-15

Jesus drew near to His followers at a time of great confusion. They didn't know what to think, have you ever been there done that!

II. JESUS DRAWS NEAR WITH COMPASSION - Vss. 16-19a

In a sense our eyes are holden, we can only see Him with the eyes of faith.

2Cor. 5:7 “(For we walk by faith, not by sight”

III. JESUS DRAWS NEAR WITH CORRECTION - Vss. 19b-27

Notice that Jesus listened to their concerns and then corrected them!

2 Timothy 3:16 “All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable (helpful, advantageous) for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:”

Doctrine: The Scriptures teach us what is right.

Reproof: The Scriptures teach us what is wrong.

Correct: The scriptures teach us how to make things right.

Proverbs 28:13 “He that covereth his sins shall not prosper: but whoso confesseth and forsaketh them shall have mercy.

Instruction in Righteousness:

The Scriptures teach us how to maintain righteousness. How to keep ourselves right.

IV. JESUS DRAWS NEAR WITH COMFORT - Vss. 28-35

Proverbs 13:13 “Whoso despiseth (*does not give proper attention to, to hold as insignificant*) the word shall be destroyed: but he that feareth (*reverence, honor, respect, to regard with loving admiration and devotion, to be very fond of*) the commandment shall be rewarded.”