

“The Emotional Life of Jesus”
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Here’s a non-exhaustive set of gospel stories/parables that reveal aspects of the emotional life of Jesus:

love

Matthew 3:17 — “A voice from heaven said, ‘This is my Son whom I dearly love; I find happiness in him.’”
Mark 10:17-22 — “Jesus looked at him carefully and loved him.” [contemplation]
John 11:3, 5, 36 — Jesus loved Martha, Mary, and Lazarus. Chosen family? His own family thought he had become deranged.
John 15:9, 12, 17 — Love of God, Jesus, disciples
John 20:2, 21:7, 15-17 — disciple Jesus loved; Peter, do you love me?
Luke 6:17-35 — teachings on love, including “love your enemies”

astonishment

Matthew 15:21-28 — at a Canaanite woman’s faith and persistence
Luke 7:1-10 — at a Roman centurion’s faith

anger

Mark 1:21-28 — “‘Silence!’ Jesus said, speaking harshly to the demon.”
Mark 1:40-45 — “Incensed, Jesus reached out his hand” and healed a man with a skin disease.
Incensed at the suffering? The audacity of the man? At his mission being revealed? Something else?
Mark 10:13-16 — anger at disciples for keeping children away
John 2:13-16 — cleansing of the temple

anguish and grief

John 11:33, 35, 38 — at the death of his friend Lazarus — *splachna*, moved in his guts
Luke 12:50 — “I have a baptism I must experience. How I am distressed until it’s completed!”
Luke 19:41-48 — Jesus weeps over Jerusalem, then cleanses temple
Luke 22:39-46 — sweating and praying in anguish in the garden
Matthew 27:46 — “My God, my God, why have you left me?”
Hebrews 5:7 — “loud cries and tears as his sacrifices to the one who was able to save him from death”

annoyance

John 2:4 — “Woman, what does that have to do with me? My time hasn’t yet come.”
Mark 14:37 — “Simon, could you not keep watch with me for one hour?”

joy

Luke 10:17-21ff — “At that very moment Jesus overflowed with joy from the Holy Spirit...”
— return of the 72 sent out, demons submitted to them, and Jesus rejoices
John 15:11 — “I have said these things to you so that my joy will be in you and your joy will be complete.”
John 17:13 — “Now I’m coming to you and I say these things while I’m in the world so that they can share completely in my joy.”

peace

John 14:27 — part of farewell discourse: “**Peace I leave with you.** My peace I give you. I give to you not as the world gives. Don’t be troubled or afraid.”
Luke 24:36 — “Peace be with you!” after resurrection when they were terrified
John 20:19-23 — Peace be with you, breathed on them, “Receive the Holy Spirit.”

compassion

Matthew 18:21-35 — Parable of the Unforgiving Servant, whose master had had compassion on him

Matthew 20:29-34 — compassion for two blind men

Luke 7:11-17 — compassion for a woman who has lost husband and son

Luke 10:33 — Parable of the Loving Neighbor, a Samaritan moved by compassion

Luke 15:20 — Parable of the Loving Father moved by compassion

Mark 6:30-34 (plus stories before and after) — “He had compassion on them because they were like sheep without a shepherd.”