

Jesus: The Friend of Sinners Mark 2:13-17

WHAT'S GOING ON?

Three Key Things Happening in the Text:

1. Jesus _____ the _____ to follow him.
(Verses 13-14)
2. Jesus _____ with the _____.
(Verse 15)
3. Jesus _____ the spiritually _____.
(Verses 16-17)

WHAT IT ALL BOILS DOWN TO

One Key Truth About Jesus:

➔ Jesus came to do _____, not _____!

WHAT WE SHOULDN'T MISS

Three Key Life Lessons:

1. Understanding what Jesus came to do is the _____ to:
➔ _____.
➔ _____.
➔ _____.
2. We don't _____ the role of _____; we just _____ people to the _____.
3. Christianity is the only "club" where you have to be _____ to get in.

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WHAT'S GOING ON?

Three Key Things Happening in the Text:

1. Jesus **CALLS** the **UNLIKELY** to follow him.
(Verses 13-14)
2. Jesus **FELLOWSHIPS** with the **UNDESIRABLE**.
(Verse 15)
3. Jesus **WELCOMES** the spiritually **UNHEALTHY**.
(Verses 16-17)

WHAT IT ALL BOILS DOWN TO

One Key Truth About Jesus:

- ➔ Jesus came to do **HEART TRANSPLANTS**, not **COSMETIC SURGERY!**

WHAT WE SHOULDN'T MISS

Three Key Life Lessons:

1. Understanding what Jesus came to do is the **KEY** to:
 - ➔ **HUMILITY.**
 - ➔ **LOVE.**
 - ➔ **WORSHIP.**
2. We don't **PLAY** the role of **DOCTOR**; we just **INTRODUCE** people to the **DOCTOR**.
3. Christianity is the only "club" where you have to be **UNQUALIFIED** to get in.

For Further Study

Getting Started

1. Take a moment to consider the socially undesirable in your own culture.
 - Who are they?
 - What kinds of weaknesses, fears, or misunderstandings keep Christians from showing the love of Jesus to them?

Digging Deeper

2. In what ways do you identify with Levi, the outcast tax collector? What do you appreciate about God's grace?
3. Do you know someone like Levi, who some people might think is not worthy of a call to follow Jesus? Why might that person in fact quickly and eagerly respond to an invitation to follow Jesus?
4. What is commendable about the Pharisees' teaching and practice? What aspects of the Pharisees' teaching and practice did Jesus condemn and why?

Driving It Home

5. In what ways do some Christians act like the Pharisees, whether the good aspects or the bad? Have you ever found yourself doing these things?
6. Why is it such good news that you don't have to be "healthy" to follow Jesus? How does this encourage you in your personal walk with Jesus? How does this motivate you for evangelism and missions?