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JESUS EATS AMONG THE SINNERS

LUKE 5:29-32



HE HAS POWER
TO FORGIVE SIN



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THE SINNER



HE SITS WITH
THE SINNERS



HE CAME TO SAVE
SINNERS

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WHERE SINNERS FIND GRACE AND HOPE IN CHRIST

Luke 5:29-32

- 29 Then Levi gave Him a great feast in his own house. And there were a great number of tax collectors and others who sat down with them.
- 30 And their scribes and the Pharisees complained against His disciples, saying, “Why do You eat and drink with tax collectors and sinners?”
- 31 Jesus answered and said to them, “Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick.
- 32 I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners, to repentance.”

Recapping Levi's Call

- Jesus enters the Tax Collecting Station
- See's Levi there Collecting Taxes
- A traitor to His Own People
- Jesus commands Levi to "FOLLOW ME"....
- So Levi – LEFT ALL, ROSE UP, AND FOLLOWED HIM.
- Total Surrender, Fully Committed, Agree to Discipleship

The Ministry Framework of Jesus

- In Verse 20, Jesus showed He had Power to Forgive Sins...
- Then in verse 27, He walks in a place among sinners
 - He's not afraid to cross social barriers
 - He's not concerned with negative opinions
 - He never condemned Levi. Rather He Called Levi
- He chose a sinful man to be one of His disciples

Levi Immediately Brings Other Sinners to Jesus

- Levi gave Him a great feast in his own house..Vs 29
- Levi invites other sinners to meet Jesus.
- True conversion produces a burden for others.
- Levi does not hide his association with sinners.
- Because Jesus did not hide from sinners.
- This dinner becomes a picture of the gospel itself.
- Broken people gathered around the Savior.

The Danger of Self-Righteous Religion

- ‘Why do You eat and drink with tax collectors and sinners?’”
- The Pharisees saw contamination. - **Jesus saw mission.**
- The Pharisees saw unclean people. - **Jesus saw sheep.**
- The Pharisees reveal the condition of their own hearts.
- Their problem was not holiness. Their problem was pride.
- The Pharisees didn’t understand their own fallenness

Humanity's Sinful Condition

- “Jesus answered and said to them, ‘Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick.’” - (Luke 5:31)
- Sin is a spiritual disease.
- All Humanity is sick with: Rebellion, corruption, guilt, spiritual deadness.
- **Romans 5:12** - Therefore, just as through one man sin entered the world, and death through sin, **and thus death spread to all men, because all sinned**

Self Righteousness = Self Deception

- Christ is not saying some people are truly righteous and others sinful.
- He is exposing the Pharisees' false self-perception.
- They thought they were “whole.”
- They thought they were spiritually healthy.
- But spiritually speaking: the Pharisees were terminally ill.
- The tax collectors came to Christ because they recognized their sickness.
- The gospel cannot help the person who refuses diagnosis.

The Primary Ministry of Christ

- “I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners, to repentance.”
- This statement summarizes Christ’s earthly mission.
- Jesus did not come primarily:
 - to improve society; to build political systems; to merely inspire morality; to affirm human goodness.
- He came to save sinners.

The Primary Ministry of Christ

- “Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.” 1 Timothy 1:15
- “The Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost.” Luke 19:10
- Repentance is key: Jesus does not merely affirm sinners in their sin.
- He calls sinners out of sin and unto Himself.
- Grace does not ignore sin, it rescues sinners from sin.
- Christ welcomes sinners, but He transforms those He saves.

The Gospel Table

- Levi's feast points forward to the gospel invitation itself.
- At the table are: tax collectors; outcast; sinners; broken people
- And seated among them is the Savior.
- Not morally superior people displaying their righteousness.
- But forgiven sinners gathered around Christ.
- The church is not a museum for the righteous.
- It is a hospital for sinners.

Fallen Condition Focus

- **Recognize Your Spiritual Condition**
- Do not make the Pharisees' mistake. Religious activity cannot heal sin. Church attendance cannot heal sin. Only Christ can forgive and cleanse sinners.
- **Never Develop Pharisaical Pride**
- It is possible to know theology while lacking compassion.
- The Pharisees knew Scripture but despised people.
- A church that loses compassion for sinners no longer reflects Christ.

Fallen Condition Focus

- **Bring Sinners to Jesus**
- Levi immediately invited others.
- The natural response of a saved person is evangelism.
- We should desire for broken people to encounter Christ.
- **Rejoice in Christ's Mission**
- Jesus did not avoid sinners.
- If He avoided sinners, none of us could be saved.
- The good news of the gospel is that Christ receives all who come to Him in repentance and faith.