

THE GOSPEL OF MARK - 6

The Worst Sinner in Town

Mark 2:9 Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Rise, take up your bed, and walk.?'”

Mark 2:13-14 Once again Jesus went out beside the lake. A large crowd came to him, and he began to teach them. ¹⁴ As he walked along, he saw Levi, son of Alphaeus, sitting at the tax collector's booth. "Follow me," Jesus told him, and Levi got up and followed him.

Mark 2:15-17 While Jesus was having dinner at Levi's house, many tax collectors and sinners were eating with him and his disciples, for there were many who followed him. ¹⁶ When the teachers of the law who were Pharisees saw him eating with the sinners and tax collectors, they asked his disciples: "Why does he eat with tax collectors and sinners?" ¹⁷ On hearing this, Jesus said to them, "It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners."

Seeing the whole text of chapters 1-2:

Romans 3:9-26, 5:8, 1 Timothy 1:15-16, 2 Corinthians 5:17-21, 1 Corinthians 6:19-20

- Jesus hung out with the party crowd because they were _____ and they _____.
- Jesus avoided the religious crowd because they were _____ and wouldn't _____.
- Christianity is the only club where you have to be _____ to get in.

What Jesus was all about:

- Jesus came to do _____, not _____.

2 Corinthians 5:17-21 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here! ¹⁸ All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: ¹⁹ that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. ²⁰ We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God. ²¹ God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

This is good news for the _____ who want to _____.

This is bad news for the _____ who won't _____.

Romans 3:10 There is no one righteous, not even one;

Where are we in the story?

Matthew 5:13-16, Philippians 2:14-16, 1 Peter 3:15

• We don't play the role of _____, we just introduce people to the _____.

• We are the _____ who have an opportunity to see _____, or just get _____.

"No true Christian goes to heaven alone." - J.C. Ryle