

Jesus Came For Sinners

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⁹ As Jesus passed on from there, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth, and he said to him, "Follow me." And he rose and followed him. ¹⁰ And as Jesus reclined at table in the house, behold, many tax collectors and sinners came and were reclining with Jesus and his disciples.

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¹¹ And when the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, “Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?” ¹² But when he heard it, he said, “Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. ¹³ Go and learn what this means, ‘I desire mercy, and not sacrifice.’ For I came not to call the righteous, but sinners.”

He Came for the Sick

“Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick.”

“For I came not to call the righteous, but sinners”

Healthy – the righteous

The sick - sinners

Pharisee and the Tax Collector

Luke 18:11–13 The Pharisee, standing by himself, prayed thus: ‘God, I thank you that I am not like other men, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. ¹² I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I get.’ ¹³ But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, ‘God, be merciful to me, a sinner!’

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Luke 18:14 I tell you, this man went down to his house justified, rather than the other. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted.”

We are Sinners in Need of a Savior

Isaiah 64:6 We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a polluted garment. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.

Isaiah 53:6 All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

God Desires Mercy and Not Sacrifice

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God desires true devotion. He want's our hearts.
God desires that we extend grace to others.

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God want's our hearts.

Matthew 15:8 “ ‘This people honors me with their lips, but their heart is far from me;

Is your faith empty ritual?

Are you sacrificing without love/devotion?

Offering Grace

God desires that we extend grace to others.

Mat 18:33 And should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?'

Don't be like the prodigal's older brother. (*Lk 15:22-32*)

Micah 6:8

He has told you, O man, what is good; and what
does the LORD require of you but
to do justice,
and to love kindness,
and to walk humbly with your God.