

## Jesus, What a Friend for Sinners

Mark 2:13-17

**Context** - After healing the paralytic in Mark 2:1-12, the Scribes and Pharisees begin to conduct a full surveillance of Jesus.

**Main Idea** - Jesus came to save sinners.

**As you observe Jesus with sinners...**

1. \_\_\_\_\_ **the outcasts (vs. 13-14)**

- A. Though he was busy ministering, Jesus saw Levi (Matthew) sitting at his tax office and called unto him to become a disciple.
- B. "Matthew was a publican, a tax collector, a despised profession in Palestine because such men were viewed as traitors. Publicans were Jews who had bought tax franchises from the Roman government. Any amount they collected over what Rome required they were allowed to keep. Thus many publicans became wealthy at the expense of their own people." The MacArthur Study Bible
- C. Who would you identify to be the outcasts in your view?

2. \_\_\_\_\_ **time with the undesirable (vs. 15-16)**

- A. Jesus reclines in the house with many tax collectors and sinners, raising the ire of the observing Scribes and Pharisees.
- B. Do you spend time with non-Christians or do you find yourself stuck in a Christian bubble?

3. \_\_\_\_\_ **the Gospel (vs. 17)**

- A. Jesus makes it clear that he did not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance.
- B. Are you calling the people in your life to Christ? When was the last time you have shared Christ with an unbeliever?