

“Jesus Was Called ‘The Friend of Sinners’”

(Sunday Morning March 27th, 2022)

Passage: Mark 2:14-22

John 2:1-11 (Reference)

John 2:10 “...’Every man serves the good wine first, and when the people have drunk freely, then he serves the poorer wine; but you have kept the good wine until now”

Jesus accepted dinner invitations from those who were up and in as well as those who were down and out, and this caused His critics to give Him a derogatory title: They called Him “_____.”

I. He (Jesus) Reached Out to A _____ K _____ of People

1) His A _____

John 15:16 “You did not choose Me but I chose you, and appointed you that you would go and bear fruit...”

Luke 14:23 “...’Go out into the highways and along the hedges, and compel them to come in, so that my house may be filled”

Our Lord has given us the great commission, and He expects us to have a c _____ approach; He expects us to go out into all of the world and make disciples. (Matt 28:19-20)

2) His D _____

a. Levi’s C _____

Luke 18:11; Matt 21:32; Matt 18:17 (References)

b. Levi’s C _____

Luke 6:15 “and Matthew and Thomas; James the son of Alphaeus, and Simon who was called the Zealot;...”

II. He (Jesus) Had Relationships With S _____ People

1) An O _____

Luke 19:10 “For the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost.”

John 20:21 “(Jesus Said)...as the Father has sent Me, I also send you”

John 17:15 “I do not ask You to take them (Christians) out of the world, but to keep them from the evil one.”

John 4:9 “...’How is it that You, being a Jew, ask me for a drink since I am a Samaritan woman?’...”

John 4:17-18 “17...’You have correctly said, ‘I have no husband’; 18 for you have had five husbands, and the one whom you now have is not your husband;...”

John 8:11 “(Jesus Said)...Go (and) from now on sin no more.” (Emphasis Added)

Being a “Friend of Sinners” does not mean that we participate in their sinful activities and behavior, it simply means that we make it a point to d _____ a _____ with and r _____ to lost people with the intention of bringing them to saving faith in Christ.

2) An O_____

Matt 21:31 “(Jesus Said to the Chief Priests and Elders)...’*Truly I say to you that the tax collectors and prostitutes will get into the kingdom of God before you*”

Jer 17:9 “*The heart is more deceitful than all else and is desperately sick; ...*”

The point is that w_____ a_____ a_____ s_____; we all need the great Physician, and no one will ever get into Heaven without Him.

III. He (Jesus) Was Criticized by the R_____ People

1) An A_____

Matt 6:16 “*Whenever you fast, do not put on a gloomy face as the hypocrites so, for they neglect their appearance so that they will be noticed by men when they are fasting...*”

This kind of one upmanship is common among those who are trusting in r_____ to s_____ t_____.

1 Tim 4:1 “*But the Spirit explicitly says that in later times some will fall away from the faith, paying attention to deceitful spirits and doctrines of demons*”

1 Tim 4:3 “*men who forbid marriage and advocate abstaining from foods which God has created to be gratefully shared in by those who believe and know the truth.*”

2) An A_____

Luke 24:30 “*When He had reclined at the table with them, He took the bread and blessed it, and breaking it, He began giving it to them*”

1 Cor 10:23 “*All things are lawful, but not all things are profitable. All things are lawful, but not all things edify*”

All things are not “*profitable*” or wise; there are some things that we would be wise to stay away from, but we have C_____ I_____.

3) An A_____

Jesus did not come to patch up the old system of Judaism; He came to provide us with something that is completely new and i_____ with all others.

Acts 4:12 “*And there is salvation in no one else; for there is no other name under heaven that has been given among men by which we must be saved*”

Luke 5:39 “*And no one after drinking old wine wishes for new; for he says ‘the old is good enough.’*”

Gal 2:16 “*nevertheless knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the Law but through faith in Christ Jesus, even we have believed in Christ Jesus, so that we may be justified by faith in Christ and not by the works of the Law; since by the works of the Law no flesh will be justified.*”