

Luke

5:27-32

Jesus friend of sinners

Our Three Questions

1. What does it say?

- Authorial intent to intended audience

2. What does it mean?

- Timeless theological truth

3. How does it apply?

- Landing it in our lives

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Heals a paralytic Mark 2:1-12 & Matthew 9:1-8

Calls Levi/Matthew Mark 2:13-17 & Matthew 9:9-13

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Matthew 9:10-11, 11:19, *21:28-32*,

Mark 2:15-16, Luke 5:30, 7:24, 15:1

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Luke at 5:9-11, 9:23-25, 57-62, 14:25-33, 18:22

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Counter Culture

Evangelism

Luke 5:30

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Question for disciples about disciples

The issues: Contagious sin & endorsement

1 Corinthians 15:33-34

³³ Do not be deceived: “Bad company ruins good morals.” ³⁴ Wake up from your drunken stupor, as is right, and do not go on sinning. For some have no knowledge of God. I say this to your shame.

1 Corinthians 5:6-13

⁶ Your boasting is not good. Do you not know that a little leaven leavens the whole lump? ⁷ Cleanse out the old leaven that you may be a new lump, as you really are unleavened. For Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed.

1 Corinthians 5:6-13

⁸ Let us therefore celebrate the festival, not with the old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth. ⁹ I wrote to you in my letter not to associate with sexually immoral people—

1 Corinthians 5:6-13

¹⁰ not at all meaning the sexually immoral of this world, or the greedy and swindlers, or idolaters, since then you would need to go out of the world.

¹¹ But now I am writing to you not to associate with anyone who bears the name of brother if he is guilty of

1 Corinthians 5:6-13

sexual immorality or greed, or is an idolater, reviler, drunkard, or swindler— not even to eat with such a one. ¹² For what have I to do with judging outsiders? Is it not those inside the church whom you are to judge? ¹³ God judges those outside. “Purge the evil person from among you.”

Luke 5:31

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Jesus – Physician → Sick ~ Savior → Sinners

Jesus is not for the righteous?

Luke 5:31

Luke 18:18 And a ruler asked him, “Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?”¹⁹ And Jesus said to him, “Why do you call me good? No one is good except God alone.”

Matthew 19:17, Mark 10:18, Romans 1:18-3:23, Galatians 2:15-16 & 21, 1 John 1:8-10, Isaiah 53:6

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Admission of sin

Faith/trust in Jesus for salvation

Faith that saves also sanctifies

“God loves you just the way you are.”

What do we learn & do

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Qualification for Christianity:

Self-admitted sinner

Don't propagate the lie – Pride

Don't believe the lie – Worldly Sorrow

**Confession &
Repentance**

**Recognize God's
holiness and your
sinfulness**

**Receive love
at the cross**

**Encounter God in
deeper relationship**

**Love God in
response**

Questions

Did anything jump out at you from the text or the message?

One of the things that we learned in the text is that a call to follow Jesus implies repentance. When you look at your life, is it clear to you where sin is and what it is you are called to walk away from as you pursue Jesus? What does that look like?

When talking about the gospel, do you find that sin and repentance is something that you include or leave out? How does that go?

The text highlights the lie that Jesus isn't for sinners and clearly shows that Jesus is for sinners. Do you find that you struggle with this lie? Keep in mind that you can believe it in pride (by looking down your nose at other people's sins) or through worldly sorrow (by thinking that your sin is somehow greater than the cross of Christ).