

Jesus, Friend of Sinners

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²⁷ After this, Jesus went out and saw a tax collector by the name of Levi sitting at his tax booth. "Follow me," Jesus said to him, ²⁸ and Levi got up, left everything and followed him. ²⁹ Then Levi held a great banquet for Jesus at his house, and a large crowd of tax collectors and others were eating with them. ³⁰ But the Pharisees and the teachers of the law who belonged to their sect complained to his disciples, "Why do you eat and drink with tax collectors and sinners?" ³¹ Jesus answered them, "It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. ³² I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance." ³³ They said to him, "John's disciples often fast and pray, and so do the disciples of the Pharisees, but yours go on eating and drinking." ³⁴ Jesus answered, "Can you make the friends of the bridegroom fast while he is with them? ³⁵ But the time will come when the bridegroom will be taken from them; in those days they will fast." ³⁶ He told them this parable: "No one tears a piece out of a new garment to patch an old one. Otherwise, they will have torn the new garment, and the patch from the new will not match the old. ³⁷ And no one pours new wine into old wineskins. Otherwise, the new wine will burst the skins; the wine will run out and the wineskins will be ruined. ³⁸ No, new wine must be poured into new wineskins. ³⁹ And no one after drinking old wine wants the new, for they say, 'The old is better.' "



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Discussion Questions

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1. **Read Luke 5:27-29** Of all the types of people Jesus could call as a disciple, what is the significance of Jesus calling Levi (aka Matthew) the tax collector?
2. Levi's home was a place where Jesus is honored and people were welcomed. Why is inviting someone into your home different than just inviting them to a large church gathering? How could you better use your home as a tool for the King? Explain your answer.
3. **Read Luke 5:30-39**. What does this passage tell you about why the Pharisees clashed with Jesus? Why did the Pharisees criticize Jesus instead of applaud Him?
4. **BIG TRUTH:** Jesus calls people From Sin to Follow Him. Levi couldn't continue to cheat others AND follow Jesus too. He had to choose one or the other. How would you answer the person who says, "I want Jesus but I want my sin too."?
5. What is it that impacted you from today's teaching? Explain your answer.

* Pray that God would give us Divine appointments for **Love LOUD - Day of Service coming April 6.**