

JESUS LOVES SINNERS

Mark 2:1-17

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SCRIPTURE READING

Psalms 103:12, Isaiah 53:6, Romans 8:1,
Luke 5:17-32 (Parallel Passage), Matthew 9:1-13 (Parallel Passage)

STUDY QUESTIONS

1. How badly did the men desire to get their friend to Jesus? And what kind of faith did they have in Jesus?
2. Why do you suppose Jesus forgave the paralyzed man his sins first before healing him? What is the number one problem in the world today as you understand it? What is the solution to the problem of sin?
3. What caused the religious leaders to be offended? Why do you think they were offended by Jesus and his actions?
4. What is so exciting about the calling of Matthew Levi, the tax collector? Why were the religious leaders so offended that Jesus ate at Matthew Levi's house?
5. Discuss Mark 2:17:

"And when Jesus heard it, He said to them, 'Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. I came not to call the righteous, but sinners.'"

How do you think the religious leaders responded to Jesus saying he came for sinners? Why do you think Jesus loves sinners?

6. Pastor George gave two challenges:

- 1) Join a team to bring someone to Jesus
- 2) Look for a hospitality opportunity.

Which challenge do you feel most compelled to take up? Which one would be the hardest challenge for you to take up and why?

RECOMMENDED READING

Alfred Edersheim, *The Life and Times of Jesus the Messiah* (Longmans, Green, and Co., 1883).
Thomas, Robert L. and Stanley E. Gundry, *A Harmony of the Gospels* (HarperCollins, 1991).