

## Jesus the Friend

Mark 2:13-17

Our purpose – **Passion for Christ – Compassion for People**

### □ **Who are the “Levi’s” in my life? 13-14**

1. Jesus teaches with authority. (13)

Mark 1:22 *“The people were amazed at His teaching, because He taught them as One who had authority, not as the teachers of the law.”*

2. Jesus calls for radical obedience. (14)

### **A(n) historical note on “tax-collectors”**

1. Excommunicated from the synagogue.
2. Disqualified as a judge or witness in court.
3. Disgrace extended to his whole family.

### **An encouraging reality...**

Jesus met and accepted Matthew as a tax-collector.

Jesus accepts you whoever and wherever you are.

Jesus made Matthew one of His disciples.

Jesus wants you to be His disciple (follower) as well.

Jesus used Matthew to write of one of the Gospels.

Jesus wants to use you for His purposes.

### □ **How can I expect some people to respond? 15-16**

1. Associate with “many” sinners. (15)

Matthew 11:19 *The Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, ‘Here is a glutton and drunkard, a friend of tax-collectors and’ sinners.’”*

2. Expect a religious reaction. (16)

→ Luke 15:2 Parable of the Lost Sheep

→ Luke 7:39 The sinful woman anoints Jesus’ feet

**A(n) historical note on the “Pharisees”** = “separated ones”; strict law observers

### □ **Where would Jesus hang out today? 17**

→ A strategy for evangelism: Luke 10:1-9

**Application:** Take 30 seconds right now and ask God to give you the name(s) of someone He would have you reach out to this summer. WRITE their name down and begin to pray that the Lord would open doors for you to build a relationship with them. PRAY for an opportunity to share the gospel with them.

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