

MSG: COME TO THE CRIB

Scripture: Mark 2:13-22 CSB

SZN 3: RELEASE LIKE JESUS

Mark 2:13-17CSB

"Jesus went out again beside the sea. The whole crowd was coming to him, and he was teaching them. Then, passing by, he saw Levi the son of Alphaeus sitting at the tax office, and he said to him, "Follow me," and he got up and followed him. While he was reclining at the table in Levi's house, many tax collectors and sinners were eating with Jesus and his disciples, for there were many who were following him. When the scribes who were Pharisees saw that he was eating with sinners and tax collectors, they asked his disciples, "Why does he eat with tax collectors and sinners?" When Jesus heard this, he told them, "It is not those who are well who need a doctor, but those who are sick. I didn't come to call the righteous, but sinners."

INTRO:

-Observations/CONTEXT

-Mark demonstrating the healings & beef with the Pharisees

1. JESUS ESTABLISHED CREDIBILITY WITH SINNERS

Mark 2:13-14 CSB

"Jesus went out again beside the sea. The whole crowd was coming to him, and he was teaching them. Then, passing by, he saw Levi the son of Alphaeus sitting at the tax office, and he said to him, "Follow me," and he got up and followed him."

-HE HAS COMPASSION FOR THE CROWD BUT ALSO HAS TIME FOR THE ONE.

Jesus notices and is aware of Levi HE SAW Levi

-HE SEES LEVI IN HIS PLACE OF SCHEME, ABUSE AND CORRUPTION, HE CALLS HIM ANYWAYS 🙄

Jesus notices and is aware of Levi. HE SAW HIM!

-HE INVITES HIM INTO A NEW WAY "FOLLOW ME"

FOLLOW - keleuthos - properly to be in the same way with that is to accompany

This way of Jesus is better than the way of the world

Psalms 1:6 CSB

"For the Lord watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked leads to ruin."

IS YOUR WAY OF FOLLOWING JESUS CREDIBLE OR INCREDIBLE TO SINNERS?

2. JESUS CULTIVATED TRUST WITH SINNERS

Mark 2:15 NLT

"Later, Levi invited Jesus and his disciples to his home as dinner guests, along with many tax collectors and other disreputable sinners. (There were many people of this kind among Jesus' followers.)"

LEVI CHANGED, HE OPENS UP HIS HOUSE TO THE LORD

-SEE WHEN YOU FOLLOW JESUS, HE HAS NO PROBLEM ENTERING YOUR HOUSE

-HE WAS COMFORTABLE, JESUS RECLINING AT THE TABLE IN LEVI'S HOUSE

-BE HONEST ABOUT YOUR BIAS & FEARS

Your homophobia, Your prejudice, Your classism, Your racism, your tribalism,

-JESUS HADNT YET PUT A DEMAND FOR LEVI TO BELIEVE OR ACT SAVED

-JESUS IS DOPE ENOUGH TO BE INVITED INTO HIS ENVIRONMENT

Levi's people, HIS PEOPLE, HIS PLACE OF COMFORT, Jesus meets him where he was.

Can you be invited into their house, their world, many sinners were following Jesus"

**DOES YOUR TRUST EXTEND INTO SINNERS' HOUSE OR
DOES YOUR MISTRUST KEEP THEM OUT OF GOD'S HOUSE?**

3. JESUS DEMONSTRATED PATIENCE WITH SINNERS

Mark 2:16-17 CSB

"When the scribes who were Pharisees saw that he was eating with sinners and tax collectors, they asked his disciples, "Why does he eat with tax collectors and sinners?" When Jesus heard this, he told them, "It is not those who are well who need a doctor, but those who are sick. I didn't come to call the righteous, but sinners."

-JESUS ADDRESSES THE CRITICISM OF THE RELIGIOUS WHILE HIGHLIGHTING THE NEEDS OF THE SINNER

-Jesus came for the sick. The sinner(now implying the sinner exist), something must be done to restore relationship!

HE RELEASES US TO, TOO

**SEE THE BIGGER PICTURE OF THE FATHER'S WILL BEYOND THE SMALL
PICTURE OF YOUR WAY**

STORY: PR

DOES YOUR PATIENCE RUN OUT FOR SINNERS OR RUN TO SINNERS?