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Lesson Seven • Matthew 9:9-17

Jesus Came for Sinners

Good News: Jesus Came for Sinners Like Us

Jesus not only has authority over SIN, He also has authority to SAVE.

"Son, be of good cheer; your sins are forgiven you." Matthew 9:2

"For I did not come to call the righteous, but sinners, to repentance." Matthew 9:13

"For the Son of Man has come to save that which was lost." Matthew 18:11

Jesus Came for Sinners:

1. Jesus Often SAVES Those Who Others Think Are Not Worthy to Be Saved!

Who Is Matthew?

Matthew was a tax collector who was considered a despicable CROOK.

*Then as Jesus passed on from there, He saw a man named Matthew sitting at the tax office.
Matthew 9:9*

The Call of Matthew:

Matthew is an example that Jesus has authority to FORGIVE even the "worst" sinners and radically change their lives.

*And He said to him, "Follow Me." And he arose and followed Him.
And so it was, as Jesus sat at the table in the house, that behold, many tax collectors
and sinners came and sat down with Him and His disciples. Matthew 9:9-10*

The Accusation of the Pharisees:

Why does Jesus eat with the wrong PEOPLE?

*And when the Pharisees saw it, they said to His disciples, "Why does your Teacher
eat with tax collectors and sinners?" Matthew 9:11*

The Explanation of Jesus:

More than sick people need a DOCTOR, sinful people need a REDEEMER.

Therefore, Jesus came to call SINNERS to repentance because there is no one else to call.

*But when Jesus heard that, He said to them, "Those who are well have no need of a physician,
but those who are sick. But go and learn what this means: 'I desire mercy and not sacrifice.'
For I did not come to call the righteous, but sinners, to repentance." Matthew 9:12-13*

2. Jesus Often SURPRISES Those Who Follow Him and Annoys Those Who Don't!

The Confusion of John's Disciples:

Jesus, why do Your disciples eat at the wrong TIME?

*Then the disciples of John came to Him, saying, "Why do we and the Pharisees fast often,
but Your disciples do not fast?" Matthew 9:14*

The Confusion About Fasting Clarified:

- Why disciples of Jesus didn't fast then: after a thousand years of waiting, the King had finally COME.

*And Jesus said to them, "Can the friends of the bridegroom mourn as long as
the bridegroom is with them?" Matthew 9:15a*

- Why disciples of Jesus do fast now: those who celebrate the ascension of the King now anticipate the RETURN of the King.

*"But the days will come when the bridegroom will be taken away from them,
and then they will fast." Matthew 9:15b*

Jesus Came for Sinners:

- ☐ Have you RECEIVED what Jesus came to give: forgiveness of sins and a changed life?
- ☐ Do you LOVE who Jesus came to save: sinners who are in desperate need of the Savior?