

# Mark 2:13-17

## 3 Confirmations From Jesus That Christmas's Message Of Salvation Is Offered To All People



# Background/Context

- Mark shows Jesus going/doing; He the Servant who serving, the Master who ministering, the King showing compassion, the Preacher who proclaiming
- Jesus continues ministry in and around Capernaum on Sea of Galilee; He left house of Simon & Andrew; went out to larger area so be easier to serve larger crowds that coming
- Jesus is teaching/showing message of Kingdom; sins forgiven and salvation given through relationship with Him
- He building Kingdom; one way (v.14) calling special servants who follow Him and learn kingdom principles

# Extension To Society's Unlikely

- (vv.13-14) Jesus passes by Capernaum “IRS” office; focuses on tax collector named Levi (also called Matthew, Matt.9:9)
- Jesus invites Matthew to be special follower and become Disciple; this means Matthew must leave great wealth, but he does it; Jesus spoke to his soul and it was what it was longing for
- This shocking; not many others who hated more than tax collectors; despised and shamed
- Tax collectors notorious for extorting money from people; Roman Government set certain amount; tax collectors charged more and kept the difference
- They ravenously greedy and sided with Rome against their own people

- I Cors. 1:26-27, “For you see your calling, brethren, that not many wise according to the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble are called.” “But God has chosen the foolish things of the world to put to shame the wise, and God has chosen the weak things of the world to put to shame the things which are mighty.”



# Loving Invitation To The Sinful Unwanted

- (v.15) Mark shows, salvation turned into celebration; there change in Matthew's heart, showed up in actions
- He wanted others to meet Jesus, has dinner and invites friends; these folks very special to Jesus
- They considered wicked by religious leaders, but not Jesus
- Mark mentions, "sinners" and the shock of religious leaders that Jesus would eat with them
- This exactly what Jesus wanted to do and where He wanted to be; to Him, no one is unwanted or too sinful
- Jesus was seeking to build relationship and begin sharing God's message of salvation

- John 11:25, “Jesus said to her, ‘I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though He may die, he shall live.’”
- Luke 23:42-43, “The he said to Jesus, ‘Lord remember me when You come into Your kingdom.’ ‘And Jesus said to him, ‘Assuredly, I say to you, today you will be with Me in Paradise.’”



# Urgent Presentation To The Spiritually Unsaved

- (vv.16-17) Mark highlights, we all need a Savior because we all have sinned and are separated from God
- Jesus receives anger from religious leaders; Scribes (experts in copying and interpreting Law), Pharisees (religious leaders who saw themselves as protectors of Law through system of rules that governed every area of life; believed in 5 books of Moses and what Rabbis said text meant; developed traditions that they believed were equal to or greater than Scripture
- Dr. Jesus; I have come to invite the sin-sick to be healed; I came to bring cure/remedy for sin



- Eph. 2:8-9, “For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest any man should boast.”
- Rev. 7:9, “After these things I looked, and behold, a great multitude which no one could number, of all nations, tribes, peoples, and tongues, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes,....”



