



**Sermon Outline
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**He Actually Likes
Sinners**

Mark 2:13-17

Jesus is not in the business of categorical release of sin, nor of blanket proclamation of forgiveness over all who are guilty. He does not offer random pardon, like waving a magic wand over anonymous geography. Who he forgives is actually very specific...

He forgives the sins of those who are _____
_____.

SCENE 1- _____

Matthew means _____ - for he had been given a gift of the Lord in the gift of salvation.

So, Levi Matthew, the traitor, Levi Matthew, the extortioner, the robber, the outcast, the greedy, abusive sinner became a disciple and an apostle and a _____ of Jesus.

SCENE 2- _____

"And many tax collectors and sinners were dining with Jesus and His disciples, for there were many of them and they were following Him."

There is a _____ going on!

SCENE 3- _____!

This was a _____. Eating symbolized acceptance, welcome, even more, friendship.

True to their religion, they registered their _____
_____.

SCENE 4- _____

'It is not those who are healthy who need a physician, but those who are sick. I did not come to call the righteous, but sinners.'

Jesus' answer contains two parts:

- _____ Doctors go to sick people!

- _____ I came to call sinners-- to repentance!

So, what does this mean for the church today?

The church of Jesus Christ is not made up of 'good' people, it's made up of 'bad' people. It's not made up of people who think they're righteous, it's made up of people who know they're not. It's not made up of the people who have attained to a certain acceptable degree with God, it's made up of people who know they could never attain to an acceptable place before God.

It's not made up of people who think they're good, it's made up of people who know they're a mess. It's not made up of people who have achieved righteousness on their own, it's made up of people who have received righteousness from God as a gift. This is the gospel.

Yes, He has the authority to forgive sin, but the only sin He forgives is the sin of those who know their wretchedness, acknowledge it, humbly repent of it, and put their trust in Him as Savior.