



3/14/21 Sermon Notes

“Jesus Came For Sinners”

Mark 2:1-17

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Mark 2:1-17 (CSB) - ¹When he entered Capernaum again after some days, it was reported that he was at home. ²So many people gathered together that there was no more room, not even in the doorway, and he was speaking the word to them. ³They came to him bringing a paralytic, carried by four of them. ⁴Since they were not able to bring him to Jesus because of the crowd, they removed the roof above him, and after digging through it, they lowered the mat on which the paralytic was lying. ⁵Seeing their faith, Jesus told the paralytic, **“Son, your sins are forgiven.”** ⁶But some of the scribes were sitting there, questioning in their hearts: ⁷“Why does he speak like this? He’s blaspheming! Who can forgive sins but God alone?” ⁸Right away Jesus perceived in his spirit that they were thinking like this within themselves and said to them, **“Why are you thinking these things in your hearts? ⁹Which is easier: to say to the paralytic, ‘Your sins are forgiven,’ or to say, ‘Get up, take your mat, and walk?’ ¹⁰But so that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins”**—he told the paralytic— ¹¹“I tell you: **get up, take your mat, and go home.**” ¹²Immediately he got up, took the mat, and went out in front of everyone. As a result, they were all astounded and gave glory to God, saying, “We have never seen anything like this!” ¹³Jesus went out again beside the sea. The whole crowd was coming to him, and he was teaching them. ¹⁴Then, 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. ¹⁵While 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. ¹⁶When 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?” ¹⁷When 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.”**

“Seeing Their Faith”

- “Faith is first and foremost not knowledge about Jesus, but active trust that Jesus is sufficient for one’s deepest and most heartfelt needs.” - James Edwards (The Gospel According to Mark)
- *If Jesus were here today, would He be able to see our faith in action?*
- *If Jesus were in your home this afternoon, would He be able to see your faith in action?*

A Disciple Lives To:

Learn it
Live it
Pass it on

“Your Sins Are Forgiven”

- No one has the authority to forgive sins but God alone.

Jesus calls Levi and visits his home.

- *Jesus came for sinners*
- *Jesus came for you because you are a sinner.*

2 Things To Wrestle Through:

- *Have you become like Pharisees in your thinking?*
- *You’re not too broken for the gospel.*

“Fallen, anxious sinners are limitless in their capacity to perceive reasons for Jesus to cast them out. We are factories of fresh resistances to Christ’s love. Even when we run out of tangible reasons to be cast out, such as specific sins or failures, we tend to retain a vague sense that, given enough time, Jesus will finally grow tired of us and hold us at arm’s length.” - Dane Ortlund (Gentle and Lowly: The Heart of Christ for Sinners and Sufferers)

Be gracious to me, God, according to your faithful love; according to your abundant compassion, blot out my rebellion. Completely wash away my guilt and cleanse me from my sin. For I am conscious of my rebellion, and my sin is always before me. Against you—you alone—I have sinned and done this evil in your sight. So you are right when you pass sentence; you are blameless when you judge.

Psalms 51:1-4

“Everyone the Father gives me will come to me, and the one who comes to me I will never cast out.” - John 6:37