Jesus and Sinners

Brent Moody · Luke 5:27–32

INTRODUCTION

- The whole story of Jesus centers around his mission to seek and save the lost.
- He's calling broken people, social outcasts, to follow him, to be his people.
- God coming in the flesh is itself a story of God dwelling among sinners.

1 Jesus Does Not See People as Disposable

- Who are we to look our nose down at others?
- Jesus does not see people as disposable or beyond hope. He sees people, all people, as people who can be forgiven, healed, and transformed by following him.
- How could he do that? That's because Jesus valued people.
- Jesus has the power, yes, to heal the body, but also to heal the soul.

2 The So-Called Sinners More Aware of Their Need

Matthew 21

- He exposes the prejudice and the self-righteousness that plagues the supposed religious elite.
- The so-called sinners were actually more aware of their need for Jesus' message than those who thought of themselves as religious, as followers of God.
- The tax collectors and prostitutes go into the kingdom of God before you.
- It is at that moment that I fail to see myself and others properly. I failed to have a heart like Christ.

3 Jesus Welcomed, Received, Loved Sinners

Mark 2:15

- The first of those is that Jesus welcomed, he received, he loved sinners.
- Jesus welcomes everybody, but he doesn't actually expect anything of you, which is not the Jesus of Scripture.
- Many tax collectors and sinners were reclining with Jesus and his disciples, for there were many who followed him.
- Why is it that many followed Jesus? Well, because he showed grace to them. He blessed them and he cared about them.

4 Jesus Is Telling People to Change

- But Jesus' message isn't just continue on living how you want to live. Actually, his message is quite the opposite.
- He is telling people to change, to give up their own life, to deny self, and to follow him.

- The healing message is take on my yoke, because my yoke is easy and my burden is light.

5 Jesus Calls to Repentance, What He Offers Is Healing

Matthew 9; Hosea 6:6

- While Jesus calls people to repentance, what he offers is healing.
- Go and learn what this means. I desire mercy and not sacrifice. For I came not to call the righteous, but sinners.
- God desires covenant loyalty. God desires your heart.
- What he's really looking for is humble hearts who realize how badly they need the healing power of Jesus in their lives.

6 Everybody's in a Bad Position Without Jesus

Colossians 1:13–14

- What kind of standing will we have before God? We would have zero standing before God.
- No matter the depth of your sin this morning, God has the power to deliver you from the power of darkness and to transfer you in the kingdom of his son.
- Anyone who's humble enough to acknowledge their own sinfulness and their need for Jesus' mercy, he will receive.
- It's not because this church has the answer. It's because we know Jesus is the answer.

THE CHALLENGE

If you know you're sick, if you know things aren't right, you've come to the right place to Jesus, the physician. He's ready to heal and to help those who are sick.

MY NOTES