

"Here Comes the Judge" Awkward Family Christmas Series Pastor Mark 11.29.20

"Jesus went out and saw a tax collector named Levi, sitting at the tax booth. And he said to him, "Follow me." And leaving everything, he rose and followed him. And Levi made him a great feast in his house, and there was a large company of tax collectors and others reclining at table with them. And the Pharisees and their scribes grumbled at his disciples, saying, "Why do you eat and drink with tax collectors and sinners?" And Jesus answered them, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. I have not come to call the righteous but sinners to repentance." Luke 5:27-32

What does this teach about Jesus?

- 1) Jesus is a physician & He came to heal the sick.
- 2) Jesus isn't freaked out by sinners.
- 3) Jesus' response to sinners is compassion, grace, & help, not judgement.
- 4) Jesus loves people where they are, but invites them to something more.

What does this teach about me?

- 1) We are sick with sin & we need to be healed!
- 2) Our response to grace should be to throw a party & invite all of our friends.
- 3) Self-righteous people are jerks. Don't be a jerk!
 - "This happens when you either do not think you are sick or you forgot you were sick." 2 Peter 1:9

What should we do?

- 1) Remember God's grace.
 - "You were washed clean, you were made holy to God, and you were made right with God in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and in the Spirit of our God." 1 Corinthians 6:11
- 2) Respond like Jesus.
- 3) Be a person of integrity.
- 4) When you mess up, own it, confess it, apologize for it, & move on!
- 5) Do your best to live at peace with all people.

You aren't supposed to be like the world, but you are sent to it!

- Colossians 4:5-6, "Walk in wisdom toward outsiders, making the best use of the time. Let your speech always be gracious, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how you ought to answer each person."