

## Sinners, Publicans, and Samaritans — 8/04/24

**TEXT — Luke 5:27-32** *And after these things he went forth, and saw a publican, named Levi, sitting at the receipt of custom: and he said unto him*

**INTRO — Jesus had humble beginnings and a humble life. He was born in a stable and brought up in a carpenter's home along with at least four brothers and two sisters.**

**Mark 6:3** *Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary, the brother of James, and Joses, and of Juda, and Simon? and are not his sisters here with us? And they were offended at him.*

**Matthew 13:55-56** *Is not this the carpenter's son? is not his mother called Mary? and his brethren, James, and Joses, and Simon, and Judas? 56 And his sisters, are they not all with us? Whence then hath this man all these things?*

- **He was despised and rejected**

**Isaiah 53:3** *He is despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief: and we hid as it were our faces from him; he was despised, and we esteemed him not.*

- **From the city of Nazareth which had a bad reputation.**

**John 1:46** *And Nathanael said unto him, Can there any good thing come out of Nazareth? Philip saith unto him, Come and see.*

- **He warned of the deceitfulness of riches.**

**Mark 4:19** *And the cares of this world, and the deceitfulness of riches, and the lusts of other things entering in, choke the word, and it becometh unfruitful.*

**Luke 18:25** *For it is easier for a camel to go through a needle's eye, than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of God.*

- **Jesus promised to meet our daily needs.**

**Matthew 6:33** *But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.*

### **I. Jesus Main Ministry was for the Outcast**

**Sinners - ("Sinners" in [Mar 2:15](#) refers to Jews who did not keep the Law but lived like Gentiles. To the religious Jews, they were outcasts.)**

**Mark 2:16-17** *And when the scribes and Pharisees saw him eat with publicans and sinners, they said unto his disciples, How is it that he eateth and drinketh with publicans and sinners? 17 When Jesus heard it, he saith unto them, They that are whole have no need of the physician, but they that are sick: I came not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance.*

**Publicans — (A Tax collector) In the Roman world, publicans collected additional fees to pad their already-extravagant salaries. In the**

**Bible, publicans were Jews who worked for the hated Roman government to collect taxes from Jewish citizens.**

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**Matthew (Levi) Followed Jesus and was one of the twelve apostles.**

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**Samaritans - The Samaritans embraced a religion that was a mixture of Judaism and idolatry ([2 Kings 17:26-28](#)). Because the Israelite inhabitants of Samaria had intermarried with the foreigners and adopted their idolatrous religion, Samaritans were universally despised by the Jews.**

**John 4:17-18** *The woman answered and said, I have no husband. Jesus said unto her, Thou hast well said, I have no husband: For thou hast had five husbands; and he whom thou now hast is not thy husband: in that saidst thou truly.*

1. The Jews, after their return from Babylon, began rebuilding their temple. While Nehemiah was engaged in building the walls of Jerusalem, the Samaritans vigorously attempted to halt the undertaking ([Nehemiah 6:1-14](#)).
2. The Samaritans built a temple for themselves on "[Mount Gerizim](#)," which the Samaritans insisted was designated by Moses as the place where the nation should worship. Sanballat, the leader of the Samaritans, established his son-in-law, Manasses, as high priest. The idolatrous religion of the Samaritans thus became perpetuated.
3. Samaria became a place of refuge for all the outlaws of Judea ([Joshua 20:6-7; 21:21](#)). The Samaritans willingly received Jewish criminals and refugees from justice. The violators of the Jewish laws, and those who had been excommunicated, found safety for themselves in Samaria, greatly increasing the hatred which existed between the two nations.
4. The Samaritans received only the five books of Moses and rejected the writings of the prophets and all the Jewish traditions.

From these causes arose an irreconcilable difference between them, so that the Jews regarded the Samaritans as the worst of the human race ([John 8:48](#)) and had no dealings with them ([John 4:9](#)). In spite of the hatred between the Jews and the Samaritans, Jesus broke down the barriers between them, preaching the gospel of peace to the Samaritans ([John 4:6-26](#)), and the apostles later followed His example

### **Sick**

**Matthew 4:23** *And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all manner of sickness and all manner of disease among the people.*

**Matthew 9:35** *And Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing*

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### Lame

**Matthew 9:6** *But that ye may know that the Son of man hath power on earth to forgive sins, (then saith he to the sick of the palsy,) Arise, take up thy bed, and go unto thine house.*

### Blind

**Matthew 9:28-29** *And when he was come into the house, the blind men came to him: and Jesus saith unto them, Believe ye that I am able to do this? They said unto him, Yea, Lord. Then touched he their eyes, saying, According to your faith be it unto you.*

**Blind Bartimaeus - Mark 10:51-52** *And Jesus answered and said unto him, What wilt thou that I should do unto thee? The blind man said unto him, Lord, that I might receive my sight. 52 And Jesus said unto him, Go thy way; thy faith hath made thee whole. And immediately he received his sight, and followed Jesus in the way.*

## II. Jesus Rebuked the Leaders of the Day

**Hypocrites – hypokritēs - an actor under an assumed character (stage player) - hypocrite. Pretending to be something they are not.**

**Matthew 23:13-15** *But woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye shut up the kingdom of heaven against men: for ye neither go in yourselves, neither suffer ye them that are entering to go in. 14 Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye devour widows' houses, and for a pretence make long prayer: therefore ye shall receive the greater damnation. 15 Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye compass sea and land to make one proselyte, and when he is made, ye make him twofold more the child of hell than yourselves.*

**Matthew 23:23-29** *Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye pay tithe of mint and anise and cummin, and have omitted the weightier matters of the law, judgment, mercy, and faith: these ought ye to have done, and not to leave the other undone. 24 Ye blind guides, which strain at a gnat, and swallow a camel. 25 Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye make clean the outside of the cup and of the platter, but within they are full of extortion and excess. 26 Thou blind Pharisee, cleanse first that which is within the cup and platter, that the outside of them may be clean also. 27 Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye are like unto whited sepulchres, which indeed appear beautiful outward, but are within full of dead men's bones, and of all uncleanness. 28 Even so ye also outwardly appear righteous unto men, but within ye are full of hypocrisy and iniquity. 29 Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! because ye build the tombs of the prophets, and garnish the sepulchres of the righteous,*

Scribes  
Pharisees  
Council  
Priests  
Governors

## III. What Should We Do?

**We should be like Him**

**1 Peter 2:21** *For even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps:*

**Romans 8:29** *For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren.*

**1 John 2:6** *He that saith he abideth in him ought himself also so to walk, even as he walked.*

**1 John 3:2** *Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is.*

**HUMILITY - Jesus washed the Disciples feet John 13:12-17**

**Witness - Jesus sent His disciples into the world to preach the gospel. Do we love the outcast? There are many hurting people that need someone to care. We must love the lost. All the lost!**

**Obedience- John 14:15** *If ye love me, keep my commandments.*

**CONCL – If you are in need of nothing – take heed!**

**Revelation 3:17** *Because thou sayest, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing; and knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked:*