

Sermon Notes – February 11, 2024

Jesus, the Friend of Sinners (*Mark 2:14-22*)

- I. Jesus came to befriend the outcasts of society.
 - A. Sinners despised by the society.
 - 1. Tax collectors who exploited the populace.
 - B. Sinners despised by the religious elites.
 - 1. The people who disregarded the Law and scribal traditions.
 - C. Sinners who needed to know the Messiah.
 - 1. The host wasn't Matthew; it was Jesus!

- II. Jesus came to save those who believe they are lost.
 - A. The self-righteous will not be saved.
 - 1. The blind who refuse to see. (*John 9:39-41*)
 - B. The works righteousness crowd will not be saved.
 - 1. The outward, ritualistic focused. (*Matthew 9:9-13*)
 - C. The righteousness of Christ will save those who repent of their sins.
 - 1. The poor in spirit who mourn over their sin and are humbled before a holy God. (*Luke 5:32*)

- III. Jesus came to institute relationships with God over rituals to God.
 - A. The rituals of Judaism.
 - 1. Fasting every Monday/Thursday. (*Luke 18:9-14*)
 - 2. Dietary laws.
 - 3. Ceremonial laws.
 - B. The joy of Christianity.
 - 1. The person of Jesus.
 - 2. The presence of Jesus.
 - 3. The power of Jesus.