

Follow Me

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MARK 2: 13-17

Intro. **A.** The earthly ministry of Jesus was intense and focused. $3\frac{1}{2}$ years max.

Church.

1. He had to establish His identity.
2. He had to call Apostles and est. His
3. He needed disciples.
4. He had to teach constantly.

B. There was little time for niceties.

1. Spending time satisfying conventional politeness in greetings was forbidden.
2. One important event followed hard on the heels of another.

Vs. 13 **C.** "And he went forth again by the seaside; and all the multitude resorted unto him, and he taught them." 1. "Resorted" = ἐρχομαι = "to come or go", "to move along". 2. "taught" = διδάσκω = "to give instruction".

I. The Call of Matthew.

A. This encounter had three scenes.

1. He passed by the customs or tax office and saw Levi (Matthew) sitting there.
2. He said to him, "follow me".
3. He followed Jesus.

B. The Call of Jesus to Levi.

1. "follow" = ἀκολουθῆω = "to be an attendant", "to go with or after", "used of footmen, soldiers, pupils".
2. "me" = Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph, The only begotten Son of God, The Lord of Lords, Creator, High Priest, King of Kings, Mediator, Advocate.

- [B.] "... for there were many, and they followed him".
1. "... for there many of these sinners..."
 2. "... and they (the sinners) followed Him about".

III. The Religious Critics Of Jesus.

[A.] What they saw.

- Vs. 16a
1. They saw him eat. (not an evil act)
 2. He ate with the wrong people.

[B.] What they said.

- Vs. 16b
1. They complained to His disciples.
 2. He is eating with publicans and sinners. How can you explain this?

IV. Jesus Answered His Critics.

[A.] His metaphoric response.

- Vs. 17a
1. "They that are whole have no need of the physician, but they that are sick".
 2. "whole" = ἰσχυρῶς = strong, Robust
 3. "sick" = ἔχων = to have, + κακῶς = "evil" or ill, "to be ill"

[B.] His statement of purpose.

1. "... I came not to call the Righteous, but sinners to Repentance."
2. "Righteous" = δίκαιος = "fulfilling all claims which are right", "Just as it should be", "in a right state"
3. "sinners" = ἀμαρτωλός = "erring from the way or mark" "sinful"
4. "... to repentance", is not in the Greek text but is supplied by the KJV translators.

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