

Mark 2:13-17
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SERMON NOTES & QUOTES

An Unlikely Disciple (vv. 13-14)

Levi wasn't just any ordinary worker; he was a tax collector. And that meant he was working for the enemy.

Capernaum sat along a busy trade route that connected Galilee to the surrounding territories – places like the Decapolis (SE) and the regions ruled by Herod Philip (NE).

An Unusual Dinner Party (vv. 15-16)

There is widespread agreement that 'sinners' were people in general who were not so careful in their observance of the Law, especially with regard to dietary laws, as were the Pharisees. "[They] are sinners, not because they transgress the law, but because they do not hold the Pharisaic interpretation of it.

- United Bible Society

Jesus is reclining at table - eating together in this culture was far more than a meal, it showed acceptance and community.

Two types of people are there:

- Tax collectors—the obviously corrupt.
- Sinners—the casually, spiritually indifferent.

An Unmistakable Mission (v. 17)

WORSHIP SET FOR TODAY

Exalted One - Elevation Worship

You're Worthy of My Praise - Jeremy Riddle

Who is Like You - Church of the City

Come Ye Sinners - The Worship Initiative