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MARK 2:13-17 BIBLE STUDY

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## CONTEXT CONFLICTS WITH CHRIST



- Then the Pharisees went out and began to plot with the Herodians how they might **kill** Jesus.  
(Mk 3:6, NIV)



## MARK 2:13 JESUS CALLING



- Then He went out again alongside the Sea. And all the crowd was coming to Him, and He was teaching them. (Mk 2:13, AT)
- and saying: "The [appointed] time has been fulfilled and the kingdom of God has come near. **Repent and believe** in the Gospel!" (Mk 1:15, AT)



## MARK 2:14 WHO IS LEVI?

- And while He was passing by, He saw Levi [son] of Alphaeus sitting at the tax booth. And He says to him, "Follow me". And he got up and followed Him. (Mk 2:14, AT)
- As Jesus went on from there, he saw a man named **Matthew** sitting at the **tax collector's booth**. "Follow me," he told him, and **Matthew** got up and followed him. (Mt 9:9, NIV)
- 27 After this, Jesus went out and saw a **tax collector** by the name of **Levi** sitting at his **tax booth**. "Follow me," Jesus said to him, 28 and Levi got up, left everything and followed him. (Lk 5:27-28, NIV)
- Andrew, Philip, Bartholomew, **Matthew**, Thomas, James **son of Alphaeus**, Thaddaeus, Simon the Zealot (Mk 3:18, NIV; cf. Mt 10:3; Lk 6:15; Ac 1:13)



## MARK 2:14 TAX BREAK; FOLLOW ME

- Again she [Leah] conceived, and when she gave birth to a son she said, “Now at last my husband will become attached to me, because I have borne him three sons.” So he was named **Levi**. (Gen 29:34, NIV)
- And Jesus said to them, "Come, [follow] after Me! And I will make you to be fishers of people." (Mk 1:17, AT)



## MARK 2:15 WINING AND DINING WITH THE WICKED?

- And it comes to pass that He was reclining to eat in his house, and many tax collectors and sinners reclined to eat together with Jesus and His disciples. For there were many who were following Him. (Mk 2:15, AT)
- Then Levi held a **great banquet for Jesus at his house**, and a large crowd of tax collectors and others were eating with them (Lk 5:29, NIV)
- 12 Even tax collectors came to be baptized. “Teacher,” they asked, “what should we do?” 13 “Don’t **collect any more than you are required to**,” he told them. (Lk 3:12-13, NIV)



## MARK 2:15 WINING AND DINING WITH THE WICKED?

- Walk with the wise and become wise, for a **companion of fools suffers harm.** (Pr 13:20, NIV)
- 1 How blessed is the man who **does not** walk in the counsel of the **wicked**, **Nor** stand in the path of sinners, **Nor sit** in the seat of scoffers! 2 But his delight is in the law of the LORD, And in His law he meditates day and night. (Ps 1:1-2, NASB)
- **Stay away from a fool**, for you will not find knowledge on their lips. (Pr 14:7, NIV)
- 4 I do not sit with the deceitful, nor do I associate with hypocrites. 5 I abhor the assembly of evildoers and **refuse to sit with the wicked.** (Ps 26:4-5, NIV)



## MARK 2:16 WHY EAT WITH BAD COMPANY?

- And when the teachers of the law who were Pharisees saw Him eating with the sinners and tax collectors, they were asking His disciples, "Why does He eat with the tax collectors and sinners?" (Mk 2:16, AT)
- 3 (The Pharisees and all the Jews **do not eat unless** they give their hands a **ceremonial washing**, holding to the **tradition of the elders**. 4 When they come from the marketplace **they do not eat unless they wash**. And they observe many other traditions, such as the washing of cups, pitchers and kettles.) (Mk 7:3-4, NIV)
- Do not be misled: "Bad company corrupts good character." (1 Cor 15:33, NIV)



## MARK 2:17 MISSION STATEMENT

- And having heard this, Jesus says to them, "It is not those who are healthy who have need of a doctor, but those who are sick [lit. have bad (conditions)]. I did not **come** to **call** the righteous, but **sinners** (Mk 2:17, AT)
- And He says to them, "Let's go elsewhere to the neighboring towns, so that there also I may **preach**. Because for this reason **I came out**." (Mk 1:38, AT)
- For even the Son of Man did not **come** to be served, but **to serve**, and to **give his life** as a ransom for many (Mk 10:45, NIV)



## MARK 2:17 LOOKIN' RIGHT



- He said to them, “You are the ones who **justify yourselves** in the eyes of others, but God knows your hearts. What people value highly is detestable in God’s sight. (Lk 16:15, NIV)
- 5 “**Everything they do is done for people to see**: They make their phylacteries wide and the tassels on their garments long; 6 they love the place of honor at banquets and the most important seats in the synagogues; 7 they love to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces and to be called ‘Rabbi’ by others. (Mt 23:5-7, NIV)
- 38 As he taught, Jesus said, “Watch out for the **teachers of the law**. They like to walk around in flowing robes and be greeted with respect in the marketplaces, 39 and have the most important seats in the synagogues and the places of honor at banquets. 40 They devour widows’ houses and **for a show** make lengthy prayers. These men will be punished most severely.” (Mk 12:38-40, NIV)



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- 31 Jesus answered them, “It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. 32 I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners to **repentance.**” (Lk 5:31, NIV)
- For I desire **mercy, not sacrifice**, and acknowledgment of God **rather** than burnt offerings. (Hos 6:6, NIV)
- 12 On hearing this, Jesus said, “It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. 13 But go and learn what this means: ‘**I desire mercy, not sacrifice.**’ For I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners.” (Mt 9:12-13, NIV)
- 39 You study the Scriptures diligently because you think that in them you have eternal life. These are the very Scriptures that **testify about me**, 40 **yet you refuse to come to me to have life.** (Jn 5:39-40, NIV)



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- For the Son of Man **came to seek and to save the lost** (Lk 19:10, NIV)