

# The Gospel of the King

## The Sickness of Sin and the Great Physician

<sup>13</sup> He went out again beside the sea, and all the crowd was coming to him, and he was teaching them. <sup>14</sup> And as he passed by, he saw Levi the son of Alphaeus sitting at the tax booth, and he said to him, “Follow me.” And he rose and followed him.

<sup>15</sup> And as he reclined at table in his house, many tax collectors and sinners were reclining with Jesus and his disciples, for there were many who followed him. <sup>16</sup> And the scribes of the Pharisees, when they saw that he was eating with sinners and tax collectors, said to his disciples, “Why does he eat with tax collectors and sinners?” <sup>17</sup> And when Jesus heard it, he said to them, “Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. I came not to call the righteous, but sinners.”

- Mark 2:13-17 (ESV)

### The encounter:

Jesus' and the heart of His ministry ...

An unexpected disciple ...

Escalating conflict with the self-righteous religious elite ...

Jesus' Messianic purpose defined ...

### 3 insights from this encounter:

The call of the Gospel is a call to \_\_\_\_\_ and to \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ (and never look back – Luke 5:28, 9:62).

A \_\_\_\_\_ can always go back to \_\_\_\_\_; not so a tax collector who  
abandons his post!

He \_\_\_\_\_ sinners but \_\_\_\_\_ the righteous.

*His \_\_\_\_\_ extends far beyond our understanding. \_\_\_\_\_ is outside His reach.*

*“Jesus was a friend of sinners not because he winked at sin, ignored sin, or enjoyed light-hearted revelry with those engaged in immorality. Jesus was a friend of sinners in that he came to save sinners and was very pleased to welcome sinners who were open to the gospel, sorry for their sins, and on their way to putting their faith in Him”.*

*(Kevin DeYoung)*

Until I face the harsh reality and seriousness of my \_\_\_\_\_, I won't embrace the  
wonder, generosity, and grace of God's \_\_\_\_\_!

### 2 conclusions:

The Good News is that Jesus came \_\_\_\_\_!

Following Jesus means \_\_\_\_\_.