



## ***Why Does He Eat With Sinners?***

Mark 2:13-3:6

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**Overview:** Although the coming of Jesus was in perfect fulfillment of Old Testament prophecy, the ministry of Jesus took shape in a way that was entirely unexpected. Instead of distancing Himself from the religiously disqualified or unqualified, Jesus intentionally reached out to those whom the religious establishment had forgotten. Jesus then formed a group of disciples that were not hindered by false expectations or man-made traditions; rather, they were set free by true biblical interpretation. Consequently, they found joy instead of melancholy; freedom instead of legality; and healing instead of misery. Mark's description of discipleship in the earliest days of Jesus's ministry provides wonderful insights into the words, "Follow Me."

**01. Following Jesus does not require us to live in isolation from the world; rather, it enables us to engage everyone made in the image of God.**

**02. Following Jesus does not require us to live as prisoners of this world; rather, it enables us to experience joy in the presence of God.**

**03. Following Jesus does not require us to live for approval from this world; rather, it enables us to have confidence in our standing before God.**

Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

1. What reputation accompanied those who collected taxes for the Roman government? How could Jesus's call for Levi (Matthew) to become a disciple have resulted in "bad publicity" for Jesus's early ministry? What does Jesus's call to Levi suggest about His concern or lack thereof about being identified with sinners?

2. What does the text suggest about the level of interest in Jesus's ministry from others who were considered unworthy to follow Him? How can the church reach out to such people today without abandoning or violating biblical teaching about sin? Are you a positive Christian influence among your non-Christian friends?

3. Jesus's ministry was unpredictable in the sense that He rejected human tradition in favor of true biblical interpretation. What areas of Christian living do you find are more rooted in tradition than Scripture? What is the proper balance between keeping an open mind to new ideas and closing off options that would lead us astray from God's Word?

4. Notice how frequently questions are asked about Jesus and His ministry (2:16, 18, 24, and by implication, 3:2). When was the last time anyone asked you about what Christians believe or why Christians behave in a certain way? How did you answer them?

5. When Jesus declares Himself to be "Lord of the Sabbath," He is making a statement about His authority to interpret Scripture correctly. How is this truth displayed in 3:1-6? What leads to Jesus's visceral reaction in 3:5, and how does our knowledge of Jesus's emotions compel us to view Him as the final authoritative interpreter of all Scripture?

**For Further Reading: Andrew Randall, *Following Jesus: The Essentials of Christian Discipleship* (Banner of Truth, 2018)**

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# SONG SHEET - APR 19, 2020

## LOVE DIVINE, ALL LOVE EXCELLING

### *Verse 1*

Love divine, all loves excelling  
Joy of heaven to earth come down  
Fix in us Thy humble dwelling  
All Thy faithful mercies crown  
Jesus, Thou art all compassion  
Pure, unbounded love Thou art  
Visit us with Thy salvation  
Enter every trembling heart

### *Verse 2*

Breathe, O breathe, Thy loving Spirit  
Into every troubled breast  
Let us all in Thee inherit  
Let us find the promised rest  
Take away our bent to sinning  
Alpha and Omega be  
End of faith as its beginning  
Set our hearts at liberty

### *Verse 3*

Come, Almighty to deliver  
Let us all Thy grace receive  
Suddenly return and never  
Nevermore Thy temples leave  
Thee we would be always blessing  
Serve Thee as Thy hosts above  
Pray, and praise Thee without ceasing  
Glory in Thy perfect love

### *Verse 4*

Finish then, Thy new creation  
Pure and spotless let us be  
Let us see Thy great salvation  
Perfectly restored in Thee  
Changed from glory into glory

'Till in heaven we take our place  
'Till we cast our crowns before Thee  
Love in wonder, love, and praise

### *Tag*

Lost in wonder, love, and praise  
Sing praise

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## CHRIST OUR HOPE IN LIFE AND DEATH

### *Verse 1*

What is our hope in life and death?  
Christ alone, Christ alone  
What is our only confidence?  
That our souls to Him belong  
Who holds our days within His hand?  
What comes apart from His command?  
And what will keep us to the end?  
The love of Christ, in which we stand

### *Chorus*

O sing hallelujah! Our hope springs eternal  
O sing Hallelujah! Now and ever we confess  
Christ our hope in life and death

### *Verse 2*

What truth can calm the troubled soul?  
God is good, God is good  
Where is His grace and goodness known?  
In our great Redeemer's blood  
Who holds our faith when fears arise?  
Who stands above the stormy trial?  
Who sends the waves that bring us nigh  
Unto the shore the rock of Christ?

*Chorus*

O sing hallelujah! Our hope springs eternal  
O sing Hallelujah! Now and ever we confess  
Christ our hope in life and death

*Verse 3*

Unto the grave, what shall we sing?  
"Christ He lives! Christ He lives!"  
And what reward will heaven bring?  
Everlasting life with Him  
There we will rise to meet the Lord  
Then sin and death will be destroyed  
And we will feast in endless joy  
When Christ is ours forevermore

*Chorus*

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O sing Hallelujah! Now and ever we confess  
Christ our hope in life and death

*Chorus*

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*Tag*

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Christ our hope in life and death

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**HOW CAN I KEEP FROM SINGING**

*Verse 1*

There is an endless song, echoes in my soul  
I hear the music ring  
And though the storms may come  
I am holding on to the rock I cling

*Chorus*

How can I keep from singing Your praise?  
How can I ever say enough  
How amazing is Your love?

*Chorus (cont)*

How can I keep from shouting Your name?  
I know I am loved by the King  
and it makes my heart want to sing

*Verse 2*

I will lift my eyes in the darkness night  
For I know my Savior lives  
And I will walk with You  
knowing You see me through  
and sing the songs You give

*Chorus*

How can I keep from singing Your praise?  
How can I ever say enough  
How amazing is Your love?  
How can I keep from shouting Your name?  
I know I am loved by the King  
and it makes my heart want to sing

*Bridge*

I can sing in the troubled times, sing when I win  
I can sing when I lose my step and I fall down again  
I can sing 'cause You pick me up  
Sing 'cause You're there  
I can sing 'cause You hear me Lord  
When I call to You in prayer  
I can sing with my last breath, sing for I know  
That I'll sing with the angels  
and the saints around the throne

*Chorus*

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How can I ever say enough  
How amazing is Your love?  
How can I keep from shouting Your name?  
I know I am loved by the King  
and it makes my heart want to sing

*Tag*

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## WHO YOU SAY I AM

### *Verse 1*

Who am I that the highest King would welcome me?  
I was lost but He brought me in  
Oh, His love for me  
Oh, His love for me

### *Chorus*

Who the Son sets free  
Oh is free indeed  
I'm a child of God, yes I am!

### *Verse 2*

Free at last, He has ransomed  
His grace runs deep  
While I was a slave to sin Jesus died for me  
Yes, He died for me

### *Chorus*

Who the Son sets free  
Oh is free indeed  
I'm a child of God, yes I am!  
In my Father's house  
There's a place for me  
I'm a child of God, yes I am!

### *Bridge*

I am chosen, not forsaken  
I am who You say I am  
You are for me, not against me  
I am who You say I am

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### *Tag*

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## LOVE CAME DOWN

### *Verse 1*

If my heart is overwhelmed  
And I cannot hear Your voice  
I'll hold on to what is true  
Though I cannot see  
If the storms of life they come  
And the road ahead gets steep  
I will lift these hands in faith  
I will believe

### *Pre-chorus*

I'll remind myself of all that You've done  
and the life I have because of Your Son

### *Chorus*

Love came down and rescued me  
Love came down and set me free  
and I am Yours, I am forever Yours  
Mountain high or valley low  
I sing out remind my soul that I am Yours  
I am forever Yours

### *Verse 2*

When my heart is filled with hope  
and every promise comes my way  
When I feel Your hands of grace rest up on me  
Staying desperate for You, God  
Staying humbled at Your feet  
I will lift these hands and praise  
I will believe

*Pre-chorus*

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*Bridge*

I am Yours, I am Yours  
For all my days  
Jesus I am Yours

*Bridge*

I am Yours, I am Yours  
For all my days  
Jesus I am Yours

*Bridge*

I am Yours, I am Yours  
For all my days  
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**AMAZING LOVE (MY CHAINS ARE GONE)**

*Verse 1*

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound  
That saved a wretch like me  
I once was lost but now I'm found  
T'was blind but now I see

*Verse 2*

T'was grace that taught my heart to fear  
And grace my fears relieved  
How precious did that grace appear  
The hour I first believed

*Chorus*

My chains are gone  
I've been set free!  
My God, my Savior has ransomed me  
And like a flood, His mercy reigns  
Unending love, amazing grace

*Verse 3*

The Lord has promised good to me  
His word my hope secures  
He will my shield and portion be  
As long as life endures

*Chorus*

My chains are gone  
I've been set free!  
My God, my Savior has ransomed me  
And like a flood, His mercy reigns  
Unending love, amazing grace

*Verse 4*

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow  
The sun forbear to shine  
But God, who called me here below  
Will be forever mine  
Will be forever mine

*Tag*

You are forever mine  
You are forever mine

*Tag*

You are forever mine  
You are forever mine

*Chorus*

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I've been set free!  
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*Chorus*

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*Tag 2*

Amazing love, amazing grace

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