



Jesus went out again beside the sea; the whole crowd gathered around him, and he taught them. As he was walking along, he saw Levi son of Alphaeus sitting at the tax booth, and he said to him, "Follow me." And he got up and followed him.

Mark 2:13-14
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"An Unexpected Choice"

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Recap

- Don't let your expectations _____ Jesus.
- Let _____ define your expectations.

Our Expectations

- When Jesus does the unexpected he almost always extends _____.
- When we do the unexpected we almost always are not _____.

Grace and Jesus

- Jesus has been pushed out of the synagogues and forced to _____ near the seashore.
- Jesus invites Levi to follow him, which was the _____ to last thing the crowd thought Jesus would do.

"And as he sat at dinner in Levi's house, many tax collectors and sinners were also sitting with Jesus and his disciples—for there were many who followed him."

Mark 2:15

- Eating and drinking with tax collectors and sinners was the _____...

"Those who were nothing like Jesus liked Jesus."

-Andy Stanley

Jesus, overhearing, shot back, "Who needs a doctor: the healthy or the sick? I'm here inviting the sin-sick, not the spiritually-fit."

Mark 2:17

- Jesus was full of _____ and _____. (John 1:14)

Grace and Us

- To extend grace, understand the grace extended to _____.

"But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us."

Romans 5:8

- We harshly judge those we know (or think we know) _____.
- Jesus knows us and _____ us anyway.
- Grace is _____, _____, and _____!

Action Step

- Share a meal with someone you've harshly _____.