

**Vs 27-28**

Now Jesus invites a man who would have been despised and hated among the Jewish community of that day, a tax collector. Levi, who's Greek name is Matthew, (Matthew 9:9) had the duty of collecting taxes from the residents on behalf of the governor Herod Antipas. Matthew like the fishermen, walked away from His career to follow Jesus. What do you need to walk away from in order to follow the Lord Jesus? What has the place of most importance over Him? The life of faith requires us to give up our most prized possession, position, or anything that takes God's seat in our hearts.

**Vs 29-30**

Upon Levi's life changing encounter with Jesus He promptly held a dinner party where his acquaintances could see and hear and meet Jesus for themselves. Here we find the religious leaders judging Jesus and his disciples for sharing life with those who were outcast of the society.

**Vs 31-32**

Jesus put his entire purpose and plan in words they should have been able to understand, "I came to call the sinners to repentance!" All of mankind is sin sick, Jesus Christ is the cure. He didn't come to be put on a shelf and admired. He came to heal, save and deliver mankind from the power of sin and death.

**Vs 33-35**

These religious leaders wanted to challenge Jesus and His followers' religious practices of fasting and praying. People who have a religion to practice do not enjoy a relationship with God. The call of God to mankind is not a call to a religion but an invitation to share life together. The true practice of faith is to walk with GOD in relationship sharing His love, wisdom, and compassion with mankind.

**Vs 36-38**

Jesus uses an article of clothing to make His point clear. Old and new material cannot be sewn into the same garment. The old is weak and broken down from wear, the new is sturdy and strong. The new will pull the old apart leaving the article useless. Now wine will expand beyond the capacity of the old wine skins causing it to burst, wasting the wine.

The Kingdom of God is the new garment and new wine. Religion is the old garment and old wine. A person has to be made new, in order to understand the kingdom. New wisdom, thoughts, and concepts. It's the greater way to live and experience life it is also the GOD way of exercising dominion in the Earth.

**Vs 39**

The other problem is that man likes his contentment and would rather stay the same than to change, even for the better. Are You willing to change?