

FOOTSTEPS
What it Really Means to Follow Jesus

SINNERS WELCOME
Matthew 9:9-13 *Jeff Schreve*

What is the Lord's attitude toward sinners?

1. Jesus loves sinners.

* He came to this earth for sinners.

For the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost. Luke 19:10

2. Jesus calls sinners.

And as Jesus passed on from there, He saw a man, called Matthew, sitting in the tax office; and He said to him, "Follow Me!" And he rose, and followed Him. Matthew 9:9

A. Jesus came for the Matthews of the world.

*"No matter how deep our darkness, He is deeper still."
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B. Jesus has grace to forgive the worst of sinners.

For this reason I say to you, her sins, which are many, have been forgiven ... Luke 7:47

3. Jesus wants all to see that they are sinners.

For all have sinned all fall short of the glory of God. Romans 3:23

THERE IS NONE RIGHTEOUS, NOT EVEN ONE. Romans 3:10

A. You can't get saved unless you see your utter sinfulness.

B. You will not repent until you see your utter sinfulness.

Unless you repent, you will all likewise perish. Luke 13:3, 5

1. The self-righteous never repent.

And He also told this parable to certain ones who trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and viewed others with contempt ... Luke 18:9

2. The self-deceived never repent.

If we say that we have no sin, we are deceiving ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar, and His word is not in us. 1 John 1:8, 10

C. You can agree with Him, come to Him, and be changed.

Jesus came only for sinners ... does that include you?