

JESUS SAVES THOSE WHO ARE HATED

Luke 5.27-32 // June 14, 2026

NOTES:

JESUS CALLS LEVI

During WWII, the Queen Mary was converted to troop transport ship. It was faster than any other enemy submarine, and after conversion it went from being able to carry 2,100 passengers, to a still-to-this-day record of 16,680 troops. Churchill said it lessened the war by 1 to 2 years because of the 75 trips it took.

Here in this story, Jesus calls a man named Levi, also known as Matthew. Matthew was a tax collector, who had a luxury liner of a life. But when Jesus calls him to follow him, Matthew leaves it all behind, but not before throwing a big party for his degenerate tax collector friends.

We delight to praise what we enjoy because the praise not merely expresses but completes the enjoyment.

-C.S. Lewis

THE HEART OF THE PROBLEM

The Pharisees have an opposite response. Unlike Mathew, who *knows* he's a scoundrel, the Pharisees see themselves as morally upright and good.

Problem #1: They don't think *they* are sinners. It is easy for us to have Gospel amnesia; forgetting where we came from, and easy for us then to look down on others and compare to others, rather than compare to God Himself.

Matthew 5.20, 48

Until sin be bitter, Christ will not be sweet.

-Thomas Watson

Problem #2: They don't think God has anything to do with sinners. They had not only a works based salvation, but also a "Salvation by Separation" theology. But they could not keep themselves separate from their *own* hearts.

JESUS' ANSWER, OUR RESPONSE

Psalms 14.2, 3

Physicians can only heal those who see they have a problem and actually submit themselves to the physician's care. We must examine our hearts, and if we know what we've been saved from, we would see evidence of us opening our homes, our calendars, and our time to show hospitality to those who are in need of Jesus. Are we willing to convert our cruise liner into a wartime ship for the sake of Christ?

Romans 10.13-15

This Week's Call to Worship Psalm:

Psalm 68.32-35

This Week's Memory Verse:

Colossians 3:1-2

If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth.

COMMUNITY GROUP HOMEWORK

Open the evening with the **Call to Worship Psalm** and have someone open the night by *praying* the Psalm.

Read **Luke 5.27-32**. What stands out here or from Sunday's sermon?

Preaching the Gospel to Yourself

Jesus is really "striking out" in His choice of who to have on His team. But wow, how does this just become really, really good news for you? On the other side of the coin, for those of us who have been believers for quite some time, how does this bring conviction and reminder of where you have been saved from?

Your Life Mission

To large degree, we *all* have luxury liner lives. Not necessarily equally, but life is good if you've been born in 20th or 21st century America. Have you converted your calendar, your home, your time, or your priorities for war time, to serve the cause of the Gospel? What areas have you seen growth in, and what areas do you still see a need for full conversion?

There are people in our lives that we may not ever think they would come to faith. Even people who might mock us. But like Levi, we ought to be inviting them into our homes and into our lives for the purpose of sharing Jesus with them. Read **Romans 10.13-15** before closing the group in prayer, praying in the model of the Lord's Prayer below for those in your life you would like to be more intentional with.

THE LORD'S P.R.A.Y.er MODEL

Preaching the Gospel to Yourself (Matthew 6.9, 10)

Repent and Confess (Matthew 6.12)

Ask for Provision (Matthew 6.11-13)

Yield with Thanksgiving (Matthew 6.10)

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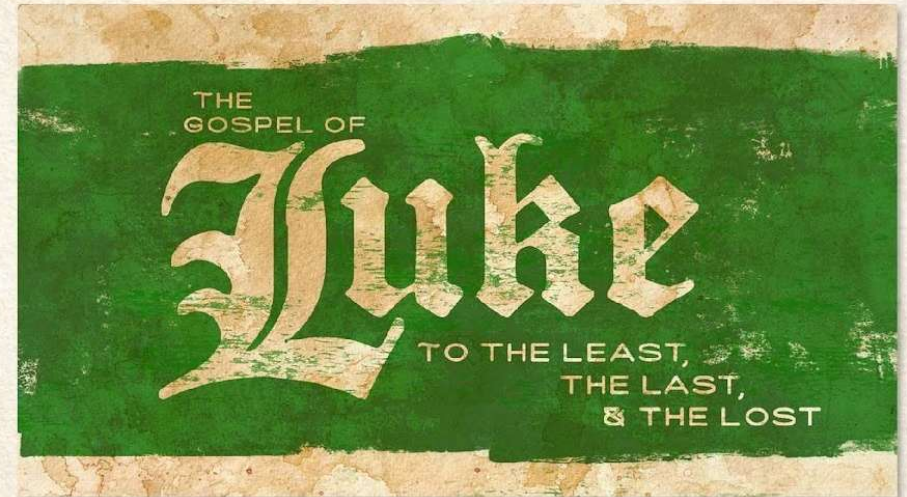
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