



THE GOSPEL OF  
MATTHEW



# Welcoming Sinners

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## Miracles + Calls to Discipleship in Matthew 8–9

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## 2 Corinthians 5:17

If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.



## 1 Timothy 1:13–15

<sup>13</sup> ... I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and an arrogant man. But I received mercy... <sup>14</sup> and the grace of our Lord overflowed, along with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. <sup>15</sup> This saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance: “Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners”—and I am the worst of them.”



## 1 Timothy 1:16

But I received mercy for this reason, so that in me, the worst of them, Christ Jesus might demonstrate his extraordinary patience as an example to those who would believe in him for eternal life.





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- A new life consumed with Christ



## Galatians 2:20

I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.



## 2. The criticism of Jesus (9:10–11)

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## Luke 5:29

And Levi made him a great feast in his house,  
and there was a large company of tax collectors  
and others reclining at table with them.



### 3. The compassion of Christ (9:12–13)

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## Isaiah 1:5–6

<sup>5</sup> The whole head is hurt, and the whole heart is sick.

<sup>6</sup> From the sole of the foot even to the head, no spot is uninjured—wounds, welts, and festering sores not cleansed, bandaged, or soothed with oil.



## Revelation 3:17

“For you say, ‘I am rich, I have prospered, and I need nothing,’ not realizing that you are wretched, pitiable, poor, blind, and naked.”





## John 9:39–41

<sup>39</sup> Jesus said, “For judgment I came into this world, that those who do not see may see, and those who see may become blind.” <sup>40</sup> Some of the Pharisees near him heard these things, and said to him, “Are we also blind?” <sup>41</sup> Jesus said to them, “If you were blind, you would have no guilt; but now that you say, ‘We see,’ your guilt remains.



## Hosea 6:6

“I desire steadfast love and not sacrifice...”



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