



27 After this he went out and saw a tax collector named Levi, sitting at the tax booth. And he said to him, "Follow me." **28** And leaving everything, he rose and followed him. **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. **30** And the Pharisees and their scribes grumbled at his disciples, saying, "Why do you eat and drink with tax collectors and sinners?" **31** And Jesus answered them, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. **32** I have not come to call the righteous but sinners to repentance." (ESV)

1. Expect _____ (vv.27-30)

A) ...About _____

B) ...About _____

C) ...Because _____

2. Respond _____ (vv.31-32)

A) ...To _____

B) ...To _____

C) ...To _____

Application Questions

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's sermon. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point of today's study. It is also helpful when you are able to discuss your answers with others.

1. Read **Matthew 10:16-25**. While the persecution we face today for standing with Christ may be mild compared to what Jesus warns of here, why is having this warning so important?
2. Read **1 Peter 4:1-5**. What aspects of this "gloomy forecast" are actually helpful and encouraging for us as we stand with Christ and the gospel?
3. Read **1 Peter 5:6-11**. Based on this passage, how would you advise a Christian who is reluctant about speaking to others about Christ because of the potential opposition?
4. Read **Matthew 9:32-38**. How does this passage motivate you to persist in your efforts to stand with Christ and share the message of repentance and faith?

5. Read **Ephesians 5:3-16**. What are some of the compromises to which today's Christians are particularly susceptible when they lose sight of their mission in the world?

The CBC Bible Reading Schedule for this Week:

Go to ESV.org (Reading Plans: Through the Bible) for schedule prompts.

July 21st

Ps.34-35 & Ac.22

July 22nd

Ps.36-37 & Ac.23:1-11

July 23rd

Ps.38-40 & Ac.23:12-35

July 24th

Ps.41-43 & Ac.24

July 25th

Ps.44-46 & Ac.25

July 26th

Ps.47-49 & Ac.26

July 27th

Ps.50-52 & Ac.27:1-25

July 28th

Ps.53-55 & Ac.27:26-44

The following related sermons are also available for free as mp3 downloads or audio streaming on the Focal Point Website (FocalPointMinistries.org).

Msg. # 12-42 – **A Controversial Baby: Simeon on the Polarizing Effects of Jesus Christ**

Msg. # 11-02 – **Sold-Out Servants: A Radically Different Identity**

Msg. # 08-17 – **Gospel Crazy: Sold Out for Its Advancement**

Msg. # 08-21 – **Gospel Crazy: Unashamed of Its Reproach**

Msg. # 13-01 – **Priorities in Tension: Learning from the Perfect Twelve-Year-Old**

Msg. # 10-05 – **Evangelistic Opposition: How to Respond to Objections**

Here are some books which may assist you in a deeper study of the truths presented in today's sermon. While Pastor Mike cannot endorse every concept presented in each book, he does believe these resources will be helpful in profitably thinking through today's topic.

Bonhoeffer, Dietrich. **The Cost of Discipleship**. SCM Press Ltd., 1959.

Carson, D. A. **Telling the Truth: Evangelizing Postmoderns**. Zondervan, 2000.

Dever, Mark. **The Gospel and Personal Evangelism**. Crossway, 2008.

Foxe, John. **Foxe's Book of Martyrs**. The John C. Winston Co., 1926.

Harris, Murray J. **Slave of Christ: A New Testament Metaphor for Total Devotion to Christ**. InterVarsity, 2001.

Hefley, James and Marti. **By Their Blood: Christian Martyrs of the 20th Century**. Baker Books, 1996.

House, Paul. **Who Will Be Saved? Defending the Biblical Understanding of God & Salvation**. Crossway, 2000.

MacArthur, John. **Slave: The Hidden Truth About Your Identity in Christ**. Thomas Nelson, 2010.

McKeehan, Toby and Mark Heimermann. **Jesus Freaks: Stories of Those Who Stood for Jesus**. Albury Publishing, 1999.

Metzger, Will. **Tell the Truth: The Whole Gospel to the Whole Person by Whole People**. IVP, 1981.

Nash, Ronald. **Is Jesus the Only Savior?** Zondervan, 1994.

Pearcy, Nancy. **Total Truth: Liberating Christianity from Its Cultural Captivity**. Crossway, 2008.

Peterson, Jim. **Living Proof: Sharing the Gospel Naturally**. NavPress, 1989.

Water, Mark, ed. **The New Encyclopedia of Christian Martyrs**. Baker Books, 2001.

Zacharias, Ravi. **Jesus Among Other Gods: The Absolute Claims of the Christian Message**. Word Publishing, 2000.