

*Who is*  
**JESUS?**

THE NAME ABOVE EVERY NAME

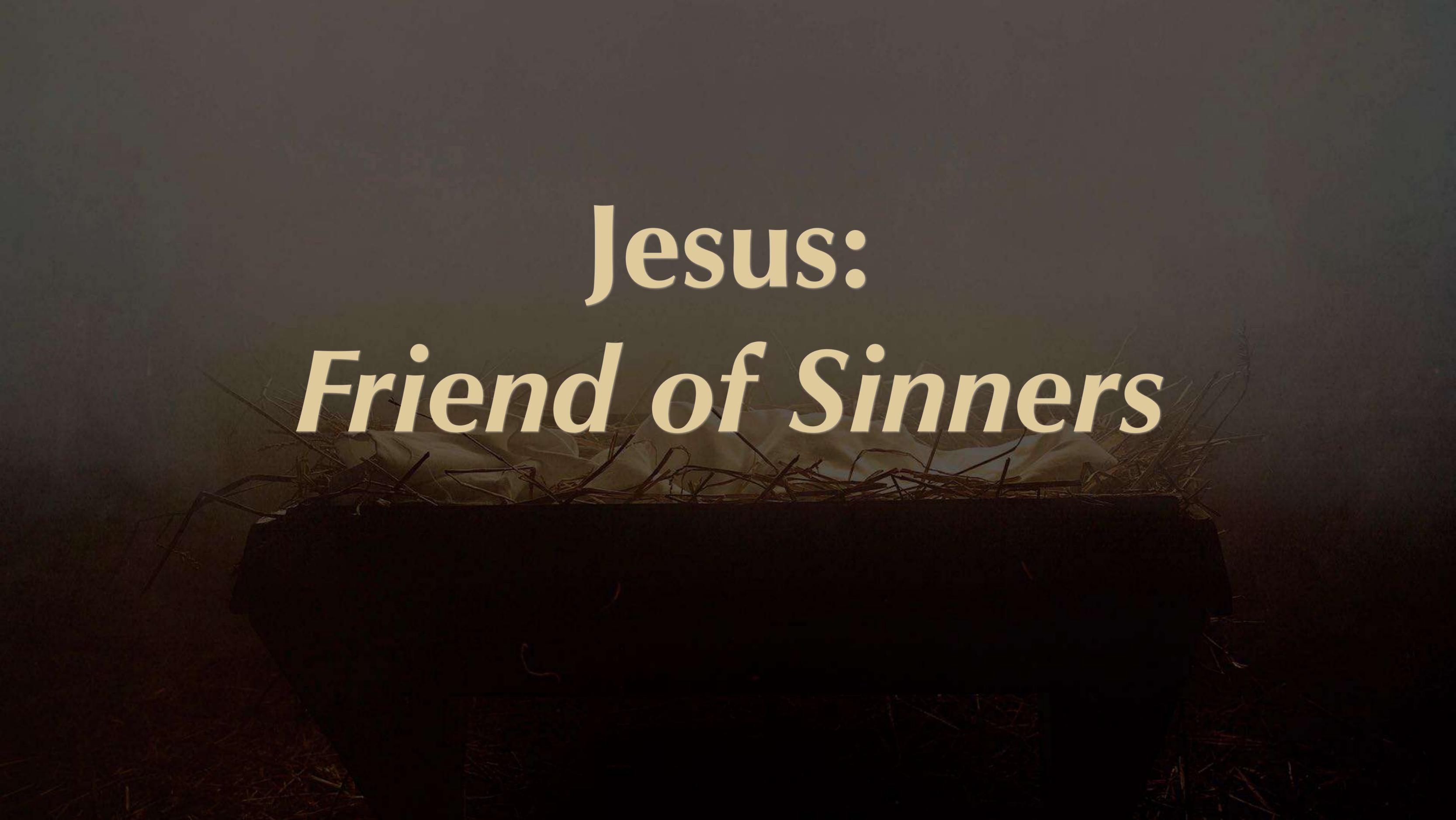
PHILIPPIANS 2:9

# “Who is Jesus?”

- ❖ Jesus is the “Second Adam”
- ❖ Jesus is the “Anointed One”
- ❖ Jesus is the “Alpha & Omega”
- ❖ Jesus is the “Ancient of Days”
- ❖ Jesus is the “Bread of Life”
- ❖ Jesus is the “Branch of Jesse”
- ❖ Jesus is the “Captain of our Faith”
- ❖ Jesus is the “Chief Cornerstone”
- ❖ Jesus is the “Daysman”
- ❖ Jesus is the “Door of the Sheep”
- ❖ Jesus is the “Everlasting Father”

“Many a true word is spoken in jest, and many a tribute to virtue has been unwittingly paid by the sinister lips of malice.”

Charles Spurgeon



Jesus:  
*Friend of Sinners*

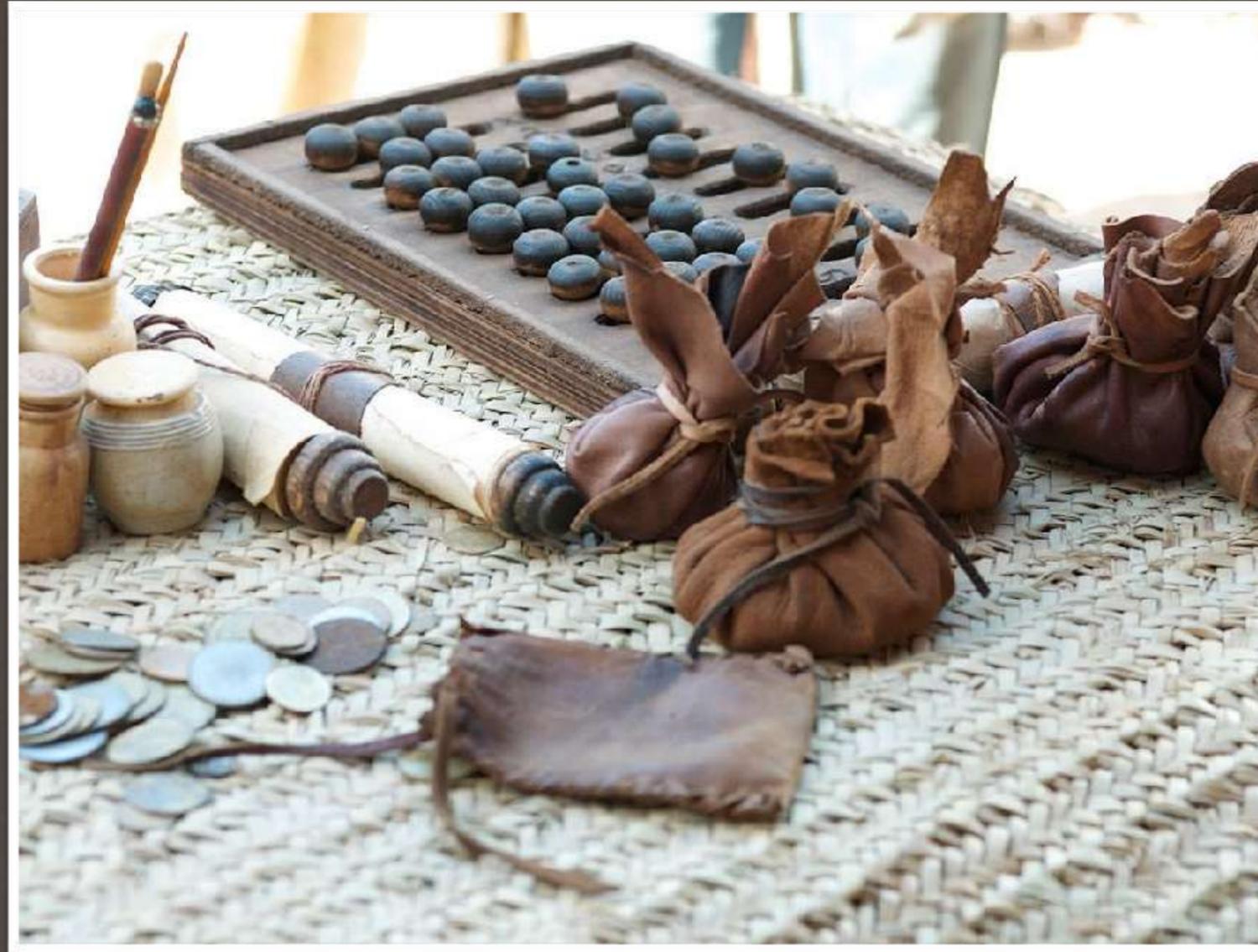
If we are to celebrate that the Lord Jesus is a glorious friend fo sinners - and we should - we must pay careful attention to the ways in which Jesus actually was a friend of sinners.

# 5 Times Jesus was Chastised by His Enemies for Getting too Close to Sinners

1. Matthew 9:9-13; Mark 2:13-17; Luke 5:27-32
2. Matthew 11:16-19; Luke 7:31-35
3. Luke 7:36-50
4. Luke 15:1-2
5. Luke 19:1-10

# #1: Jesus Calls All Sinners to Follow Him (Mark 2:13-14)

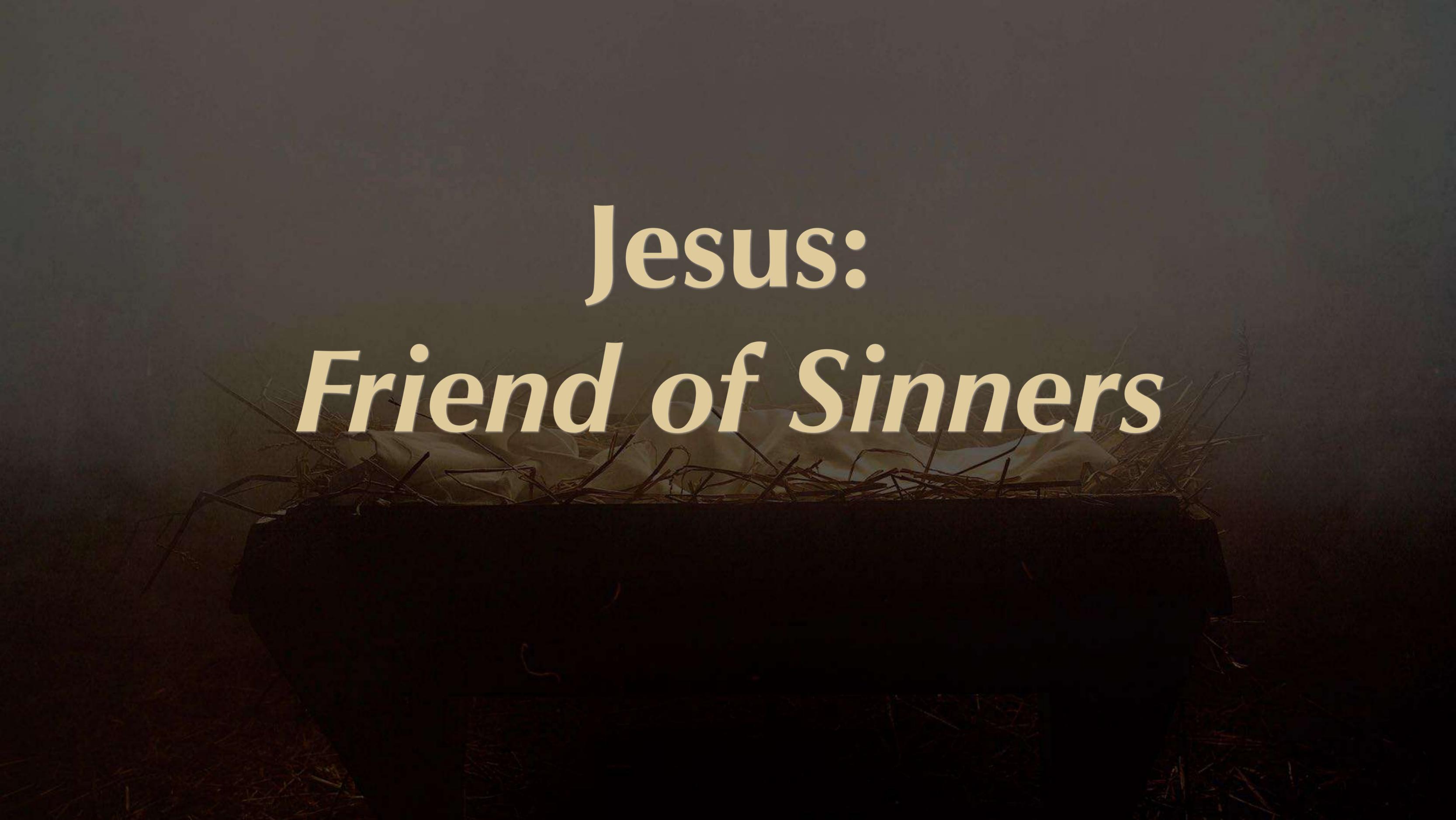
- What in your mind would be the worse kind of sinner you can imagine? Do you have a category in mind?
- Can you put a real face to such categories of sin?



There could hardly have been a more notorious, dark-hearted, and hopeless sinner, in the minds of most the Jewish people in Jesus day, than tax collectors.

# #1: Jesus Calls All Sinners to Follow Him (Mark 2:13-14)

- Jesus calls the unlikely to follow Him
- Jesus calls the undesirable to follow Him



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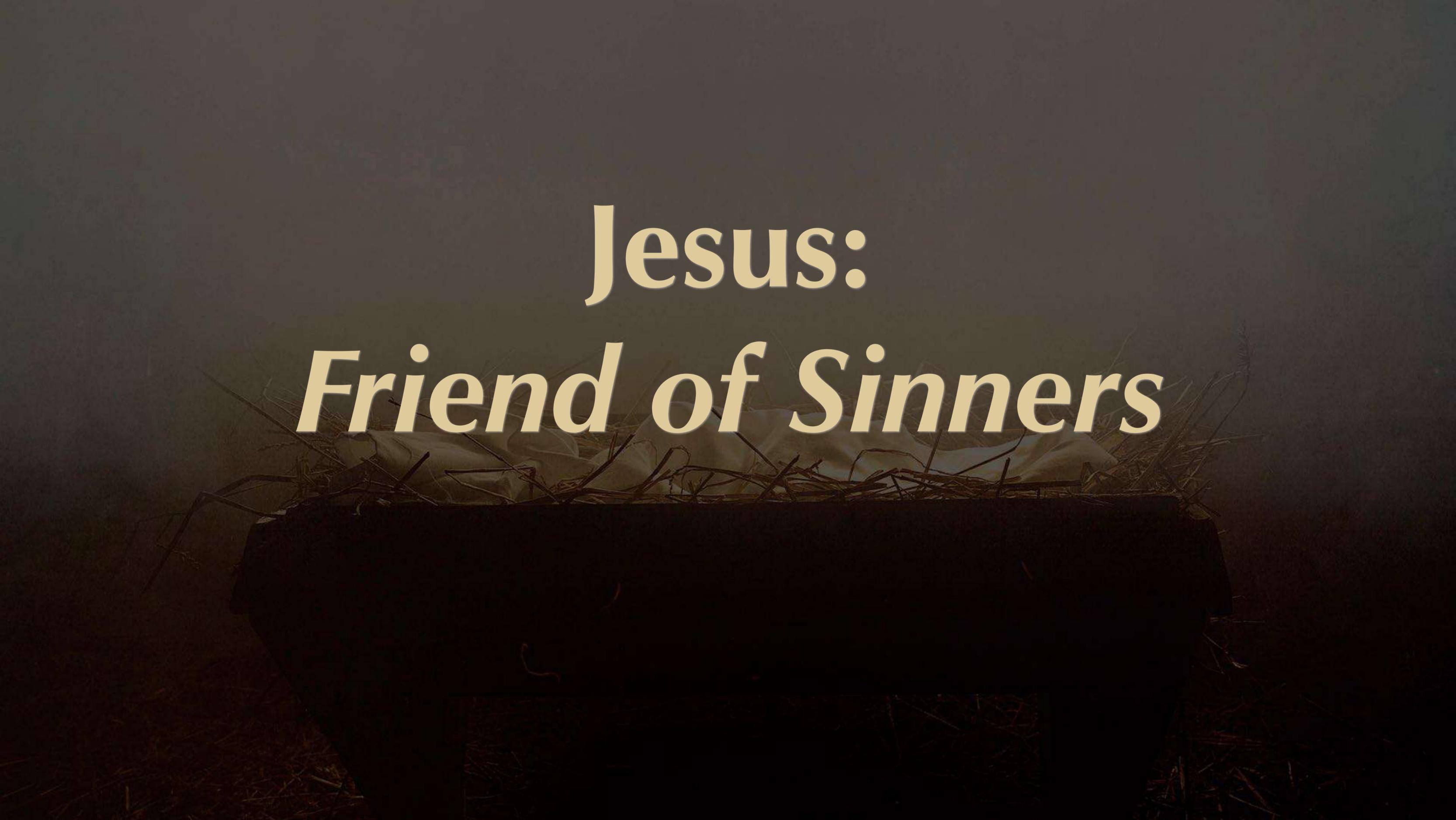
- The word “sinners” (Mark 2:16) used here refers to people of bad reputation in the community, people well known as sinners - other tax collectors, prostitutes, adulterers, social outcasts.

# The Escalation of the Religious Leader's Hatred of Jesus

- *Mark 2:6* - The religious leaders simply thought accusing thoughts about Jesus
- *Mark 2:16* - The religious leaders now speak out and vocalize their disgust, but do so only to Jesus' disciples
- *Mark 2:24* - The religious leaders will vocalize their disgust directly to Jesus
- *Mark 3:6* - The religious leaders are plotting to kill Jesus

# **#2: Jesus Calls All Sinners to Fellowship with Him (Mark 2:15-16)**

- If we would be like Jesus in this regard we must be with those who do not know Jesus (John 17:15)



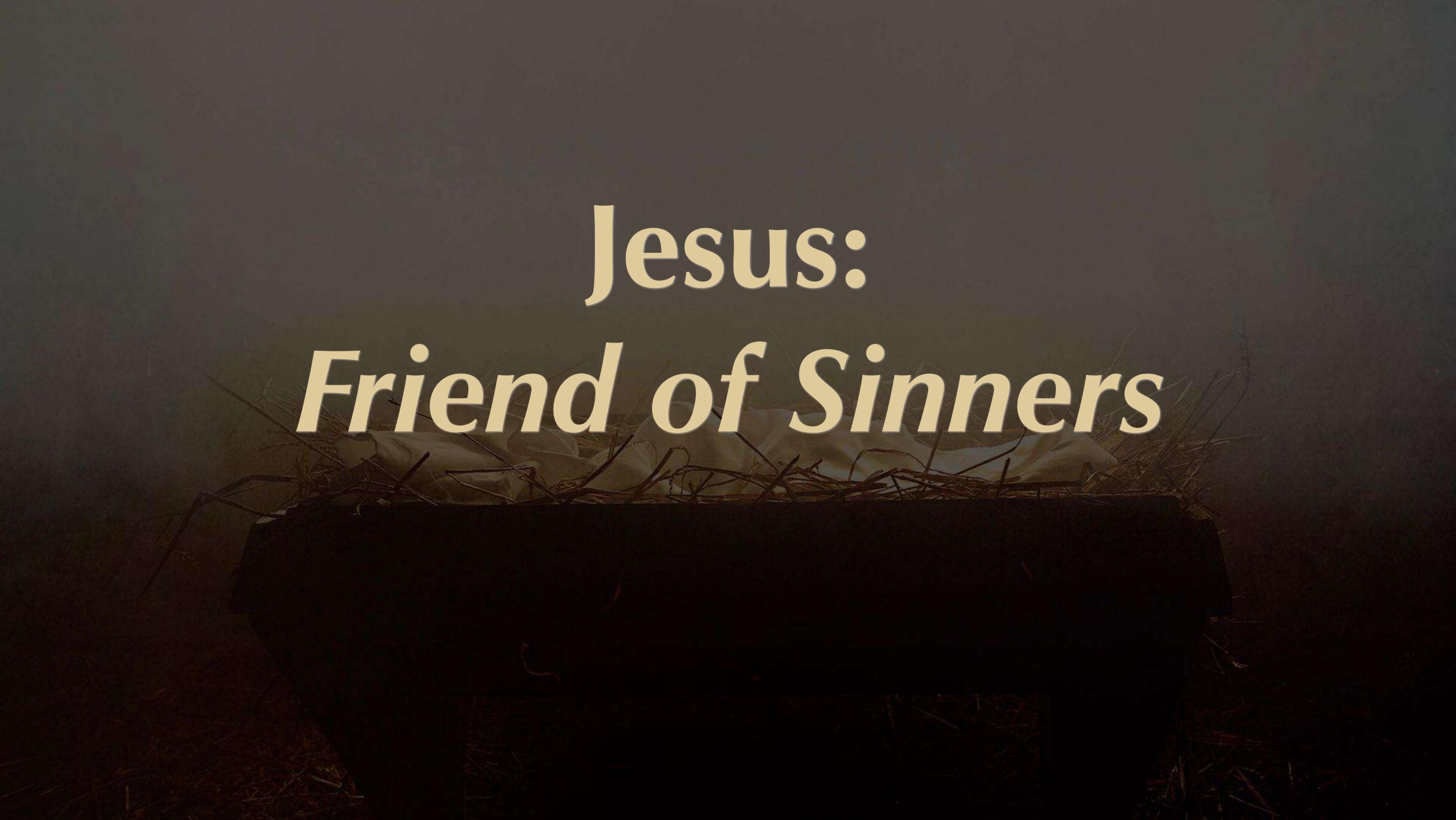
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# #3: Jesus Calls All Sinners to Flee from their Sin (Mark 2:17)

- Jesus reaches those who see their own need
- Jesus rejects those who refuse to see their own need

“Go now and leave your life of sin.”

John 8:11



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