



A Matthew Party

Mark 2:13-17





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Lesson #1


**In a culture of hostility
and separation, Jesus
welcomes all as friends.**

The Zealots


a first century violent group of far right nationalists who used guerilla tactics against Rome

“sicarii” - Aramaic word for ***“dagger”***





**“Why does your teacher
EAT with tax collectors
and sinners?”**



JAMES 1:17

But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, and easy to be intreated, full of mercy and good fruits.

***Peacemakers that sow in peace will
reap a harvest of righteousness
(vs.18).***



Isolated acts of generosity and mercy are easier than welcoming someone all the way in to your table where you see them eye to eye and heart to heart.





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Lesson #2

**There is unseen power in
the act of sharing a table.**

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Lesson #3

The Gospel (*good news of Jesus*) breaks down walls of division.

- 1. Think about throwing a “Matthew Party.”**
- 2. Evaluate: What about your interaction with “your enemies”? Are you like Jesus?**
- 3. Take a step toward hospitality.**



NEXTSTEPS

- **You already eat.**
- **Do it with others.**
- **Open your home and your heart for community.**



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