

## “Calling a Sinful Disciple”

November 9, 2025 Pastor Todd McAllister

Mark 2:13-17

**The setting:** Out beside the Sea of Galilee  
Great crowds coming to Him  
Jesus teaching them

Along the \_\_\_\_\_: “As He passed by He saw Levi...” Mark 2:14

\_\_\_\_\_ along the way Deuteronomy 6:7

### Application:

Who is the Lord calling you to \_\_\_\_\_ along the way?

\_\_\_\_\_ of ministry along the way

Saw people/individuals

Saw people, not machinery

Levi, the tax collector

Matthew, the gift of the LORD

### Application:

Who are you currently \_\_\_\_\_ along the way?

\_\_\_\_\_ by Jesus: “Follow Me.”

General call to everyone (Mark 8:34-38)

Later, a specific call to a position of service

“A constant sign that Jesus accepted reviled people among His closest followers”

“Calling a tax collector like (Levi) Matthew into His inner circle was a clear sign that Jesus came for those who would repent, leave behind the things of this world, and serve the kingdom of God.” (Christian History, Issue 156, pg. 38)

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## “Calling a Sinful Disciple” (continued)

\_\_\_\_\_ of Levi:

“He rose and followed Him.” Mark 2: 14-15

Hosted a celebration

### Application:

What evidence can be found in your life that you are a follower of Jesus?

\_\_\_\_\_ of religious leaders: Mark 2:16

\_\_\_\_\_ Jesus

Story line of religious leaders:

Show yourself to the priest. (Mark 1:44)

He is blaspheming! (2:7)

Why does He eat with tax collectors and sinners?  
(2:16)

Note: 1 Thessalonians 5:22

### Application:

Does your approach to life correspond with the religious leaders or Jesus?

\_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus:

“I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners.” Mark 2:17

\_\_\_\_\_ is righteous before God. Psalm 14:2-3

### Application:

When you consider your standing before God, with whom do you identify—the righteous or the sinners?

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Who is the Lord calling you to **serve** along the way?

**Description** of ministry along the way

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### **Application:**

Who are you currently **overlooking** along the way?

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