

Series: Jesus, Friend of Sinners

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Title: Who Is a Sinner?

Text: Luke 15:1-2

¹Now the tax collectors and “sinners” were all gathering around to hear Him. ²But the Pharisees and the teachers of the law muttered, “This man welcomes sinners and eats with them.”

The Bible says:

Romans 3:10-12 - ¹⁰As it is written: There is no one righteous, not even one; ¹¹there is no one who understands; there is no one who seeks God. ¹²All have turned away, they have together become worthless there is no one who does good, not even one.”

A sinner in the eyes of the self-righteous religious leaders covered a broad spectrum of people.

The poor

The physically impaired

Gentiles

People who were immoral, drunkards, liars, thieves or all evil people.

The attitude of the religious leaders toward sinners was judgmental.

“teachers of the law muttered ”

The actions of the religious leaders toward sinners was punitive.

this man welcomes

The religious leaders isolated sinners and placed impossible burdens upon them.

Jesus attitude toward sinners is 3 fold

He has compassion.

He has mercy.

He loves them.

Jesus actions toward sinners is 4 fold

He associates with them.

He accepts them.

He aides them.

He forgives them.

Romans 5:6-8 - ⁶You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous man, though for a good man someone might possibly dare to die. ⁸But God demonstrates His own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.