

Jesus Was a Friend of Sinners, Are You?

Matthew 9:9-13

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Introduction: The church is in dire need of a healthcare reform today! The church is staffed with doctors and nurses who don't know how to help the sick. This problem of not properly caring for a soul is really nothing new. Our Lord had to address this very issue with His own people. The religious leaders became so fixated on the rules that they missed their mission of reaching the needy sinners with God's message of love. Tonight, I'd like to look at our Savior's healthcare reform for a soul. As the Savior of the world, our holy and sinless Lord was a friend of sinners. Our text contains two approaches for ministry and a defense for the right one.

I. A Christ Centered Approach to Ministry (vs. 9-10)

A. Look for sinners with spiritual needs (vs. 9a)



B. Invite sinners to follow Christ (vs. 9b)

C. Look for opportunities to reach more sinners (vs. 10)

II. A Self-Righteous Approach to Ministry (vs. 11)

A. It begins with a wrong view of self

B. It uses a wrong standard to measure righteousness

III. A Defense for the Christ-Centered Approach to Ministry

(vs. 12-13)

A. An argument from human logic (vs. 12)

B. An argument from Scripture (vs. 13a)

C. An argument from His own authority (vs. 13b)

Conclusion: