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• **What Is Mercy?**
  • *Mercy Is Giving* Someone *What They Need* Instead Of *What They Deserve.*

• All Of Us Want Mercy -- *We Pray For It All The Time*

• **The Good News:**
  • God Wants To Give Us Mercy
  • He Gives Us What We Need NOT What We Deserve
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• Jesus Sees You For What You Can Be--
  Not For What You Are Now
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• (Mark 2:13-17 NIV) Once again Jesus went out beside the lake. A large crowd came to him, and he began to teach them. (14) As he walked along, he saw Levi son of Alphaeus sitting at the tax collector's booth. "Follow me," Jesus told him, and Levi got up and followed him. (15) While Jesus was having dinner at Levi's house, many tax collectors and "sinners" were eating with him and his disciples, for there were many who followed him. (16) When the teachers of the law who were Pharisees saw him eating with the "sinners" and tax collectors, they asked his disciples: "Why does he eat with tax collectors and 'sinners'?" (17) On hearing this, Jesus said to them. "It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners."
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• Jesus Extended To Matthew A Gracious Call To Follow Him And Leave His Old Calling Behind

• Follow Me = “to walk the same road”

• To “Start following Me, and continue as a habit of life to follow Me”

• To “Follow with Me.”
  • Wuest's Word Studies From The Greek New Testament
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• Jesus Wanted The Man That No One Else Wanted
  • He Offered Friendship To A Man That Others Had Scorned, Hated And Despised

• That Is God's Mercy In Action

• He Sees Not Only What We Are -- He Sees What We Can Become
The Trade Route From Damascus To The Mediterranean Sea Goes Through Capernaum
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• The Call To Christ Is A Call To Anybody And Everybody Who Will Follow Him --- *No Matter What Their Background*
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• In Matthew's Trade As A Tax Collector
  • He Had Learned To Use A Pen
  • He Used His Pen To Write His Gospel
• Matthew Lost A Comfortable Job
  *He Found An Eternal Destiny*
• Matthew Lost A Good Income
  *He Found Honor*
• Matthew Lost His Comfortable Security
  *He Gained An Adventure*
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• Jesus Calls All w/o Regard To Past Or Reputation

• God's Mercy Works In Our Lives Even Though We Don't Deserve It

• The Condition: We Put Our Faith In Jesus Christ

• Jesus Is Concerned With What Is Happening On The Inside
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• *Why Does He fellowship with “sinners”?*

  • Because they are sick
  • He is the only Physician who can heal them
Things Can Look Good On The Outside --

*But Be Crumbling On The Inside*
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• Jesus Said: I Didn't Come For Those Who Are Well -- I Came For Those Who Need A Doctor

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• Mat 9:13 (NIV) "But go and learn what this means: 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.

• Jesus Came For The Sick -- For The Sinners Who Need To Be Made Whole

• *Who Needs A Doctor (God’s Mercy) ?*  
  • Everyone Who Doesn't Know Jesus Christ As Lord And Savior Is Spiritually Sick And Is In Desperate Need Of His Life-Giving Power
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RECEIVE IT
• Hebrews 4:16 (NIV) 16 Let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need. See: (Eph 2:4-5)

LIVE IT
• Romans 12:1 (NIV) 1 Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God’s mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God—this is your spiritual act of worship. See: (2 Cor 4:1; Jude 21)

GIVE IT
• Luke 6:36 (NIV) 36 Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.
• Matthew 5:7 (NIV) 7 Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.
• Matthew 9:13 (NIV) 13 But go and learn what this means: ‘I desire mercy, not sacrifice.’ For I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners.”