

## Scandalous Love

Matthew 9:9-17 (The Passion Translation) As Jesus left Capernaum he came upon a tax-collecting station, where a Jewish man named Matthew was collecting taxes for the Romans. “Come, follow me,” Jesus said to him. Immediately Matthew jumped up and began to follow Jesus.

10 Jesus went to Matthew’s house and made himself at home. Many other tax collectors and outcasts of society were invited to eat with Jesus and his disciples.

11 When those known as the Pharisees saw what was happening, they were indignant, and they kept asking Jesus’ disciples, “Why would your Master dine with such lowlives?”

12 When Jesus overheard this, he spoke up and said, “Healthy people don’t need to see a doctor, but the sick will go for treatment.” 13 Then he added, “Now you should go and study the meaning of the verse: I want you to show mercy, not just offer me a sacrifice. For I have come to invite the outcasts of society and sinners, not those who think they are already on the right path.”

14 The disciples of John the Baptizer approached Jesus with this question: “Why is it that we and the Pharisees fast regularly, but not your disciples?”

15 Jesus replied, “How can the sons of the bridal chamber grieve when the Bridegroom is next to them? But the days of fasting will come when the Bridegroom is taken away from them. 16 And who would mend worn-out clothing with new fabric? When the new cloth shrinks it will rip, making the hole worse than before. 17 And who would pour fresh, new wine into an old wineskin? Eventually the wine will ferment and make the wineskin burst, losing everything—the wine is spilled and the wineskin ruined. Instead, new wine is always poured into a new wineskin so that both are preserved.”

Scandalous Love Transforms	Scandalous Love Has Critics	Scandalous Love Extends to Enemies
Matt 9:9-13 (TPT) Luke 5:27-32 Mark 2:14-17	Matt 9:14-15 (John’s disciples) Luke 5:33-39 (Pharisees); Mark 2:18-22 (both together)	Luke 5:12-14; John 5:36
1John 4:20-21	Luke 3:3-6; John 1:29-37; John 4:1-3; Mark 6:17-18; Luke 3:18-20	Luke 7:36; 11:37
	Matt 11:2-6; Mark 1:9-11; John 3:30	Matt 23:13-33; Rev 3:19
	Matt 11:7-19; Luke 7:20-28	Luke 7:29-35
	Matt 9:14-17; Luke 5:36-39	Matt 27:15-18
		Matt 27; Psalm 22; Acts 15:4-6