

Mark 2v13-17

William Tyndale is a famous name because he produced something in the English language so that everyone in this country could understand it.

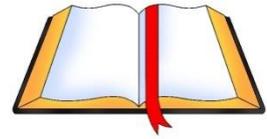
What was it? The N _ _ T _ _ _ _ _

Some of the words and phrases he used in translation were new and are still used today in everyday language (like *scapegoat*, *signs of the times*).

One such word is _ _ _ _ _ *l rue ghost (unjumble letters)* and it's in our passage.

It means to be right in the sight of God. But Jesus seems to say – see v17 - He doesn't want such people. Instead He calls s _ _ _ _ _

What does that mean? Let's try to understand the passage under three headings:



What it means to be a sinner

A sinner is someone who s _ _ _ Which group of people didn't think they were in this group?

Answer: The p _ _ _ _ _ But how many people are sinners according to the Bible? Look up Roman Chapter 3 verse 23 to answer: _ _ _ _ _

Levi (also known as Matthew) would certainly have been regarded by the Pharisees as a sinner.

What was his job? _ _ _ _ _

One reason these people were hated by Jews was that they were considered to be helping the occupying power, the _ _ _ _ _ *sonmar (unjumble letters)*. In other words he would be thought of as a _ _ _ _ _ *ittroar (unjumble letters)*



But Jesus calls him to be one of the 12 disciples. How much did Levi leave behind in order to follow Jesus (look at Luke 5v28) _ _ _ _ _

What does Levi do to bring other people to know Jesus?

He holds a _ _ _ _ _ v15. Notice that Levi is prepared to pay a cost to bring people to Jesus.

What it means to be righteous

Righteous means to be right in the eyes of God. The Pharisees certainly considered themselves to be righteous. But how many are righteous according to Romans 3v10? _ _ _ _ _

So how can we become righteous? Look at 2 Corinthians 5v21. It's perhaps a difficult verse to understand but it means that Jesus' righteousness is given to Christians!

Who does Jesus call according to v17? Answer: _ _ _ _ _ *nisser (unjumble letters)*.

People who need Him. People who realise that they are not righteous. What does Jesus call them to do? Verse 17 tells us – to r _ _ _ _ _

What do you think it means to do that? _ _ _ _ _

The New and the Old

First the Pharisees complain that Jesus eats with sinners. Then they complain that the disciples don't _ _ _ _ (see verse 18)

But how could anyone do that when Jesus is with them? It was a cause for celebration.

The Pharisees made people obey their own rules and were very harsh in applying God's law. Jesus came to bring in something n _ _ Look at

- ✓ Mark 1v27 new _ _ _ _ _ (that is, teaching) and new authority (not seen before)
- ✓ Mark 14v24 a new _ _ _ _ _ (that is, agreement between God and man)

This new agreement – believing Jesus paid for our sins on the cross and following Him – will make us into a _ _ _ _ creation 2 Corinthians 5v17