

The Story Of Grace

(8) Accepted By Grace

John 1:14

“The word became flesh and made His dwelling among us. We have seen His glory, the glory of the one and only, who came from the Father, full of Grace and Truth”

MATTHEW 9:1-8

“1 Jesus stepped into a boat, crossed over and came to his own town. 2 Some men brought to him a paralyzed man, lying on a mat. When Jesus saw their faith, He said to the man, ‘take heart, son; your sins are forgiven.’ 3 At this, some of the teachers of the law said to themselves, ‘this fellow is blaspheming!’ 4 Knowing their thoughts, Jesus said, ‘why do you entertain evil thoughts in your hearts? 5 Which is easier: to say, ‘your sins are forgiven,’ or to say, ‘get up and walk’? 6 But I want you to know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins.” So He said to the paralyzed man, “get up, take your mat and go home.” 7 Then the man got up and went home. 8 When the crowd saw this, they were filled with awe; and they praised God, who had given such authority to man.”

(vs. 9)

“As Jesus passed on from there, He saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth, and He said to him, “Follow me.”

“... and he (Matthew) rose and followed him.”

(vs.10)

“And as Jesus reclined at a table in the house, ...”

“... behold, many tax collectors and sinners came and were reclining with Jesus and his disciples.”

LUKE 18:9-14

“9 To some who were confident of their own righteousness and looked down on everyone else, Jesus told this parable: 10 “Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. 11 The Pharisee stood by himself and prayed: ‘God, I thank you that I am not like other people—robbers, evildoers, adulterers—or even like this tax collector. 12 I fast twice a week and give a tenth of all I get.’ 13 “But the tax collector stood at a distance. He would not even look up to heaven, but beat his breast and said, ‘God, have mercy on me, a sinner.’ 14 “I tell you that this man, rather than the other, went home justified before God. For all those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.”

(Matthew 9:11)

“And when the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples,
"Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?"

(vs.12)

“But when Jesus heard this, He said, "Those who are well
have no need of a physician, but those who are sick.”

(vs.13)

“Go and learn what this means, 'I DESIRE MERCY, and not
sacrifice.' For I came not to call the righteous, but sinners.”