

Mark 2:13-17
“The Scandal of Grace”
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When is it that we have a *problem* with grace?

What is so significant about Jesus’ “teaching” in Mark?

What was so offensive about Levi’s occupation as a *tax collector* to good God-fearing Jews?

What exactly is “inverted networking?”

In v. 15, when it says that Jesus “was having dinner,” what does the Greek word imply (*katakeisthai*)?

What probably angered the scribes of the Pharisees the most in terms of Jesus’ interaction with tax collectors and sinners?

What key lessons about evangelism do we learn from Jesus in this passage?

What is meant by the concept of “the looking glass self?”

*“And here in dust and dirt, O here
The lilies of His love appears”*

- George Herbert -

For Further Reflection:

Think of a time recently in your life when grace has angered you. (Don’t justify it. Just admit it.) Why was it so upsetting? What would it look like to re-live that situation, this time saturated in grace?

Philip Yancey says that “Grace means there is nothing we can do to make God love us more. . . . And grace means there is nothing we can do to make God love us less” (What’s So Amazing About Grace, 70). What is one thing you’ve done in life that you continue to believe makes God love you less? Re-read this definition. Re-read it again.

List off some practical ways that you can be a better celebrator of God’s grace (in your life and in the lives of others).