

Calling Traitors

Imagine going to a craft festival or flea market only to find a booth with a white man collecting money for the Taliban or Al Qaeda

- In our mind he might be considered
 - Unpatriotic?
 - Anti-American?
 - Traitor?
- We would, as a minimum
 - Walk away
 - Maybe ask him why he is doing this
 - Call him a traitor
 - Some might be violent

In Jesus' day there were people who did sit at booths and collect money for the occupying forces, the Romans.

- The Romans paid these Jews very well
- But their fellow-Jews considered them as
 - Unpatriotic
 - Traitors to Judaism
- They reacted to these people by
 - Staying away from them
 - They might be asked, why they had sold out to the Romans.
 - Often they were considered as bad, if not worse, than a perpetual prostitute or drunkard.

This is the background behind Jesus calling Matthew to be one of his followers.

- Luke 5.27
- Matthew, aka Levi was a tax collector for the Romans.
- Read 5.27-28

Jesus asked the worst man in town, the traitor, to be a disciple.

- Jesus asks the man with a horrible political and social standing to be someone important in His life.
 - Jesus seemed to be gathering people from the bottom classes
 - He already had 4 stinky, obnoxious fishermen with him.

- This event in Jesus life is a quick reminder that Christianity is not meant to be a club
 - Jesus' attention was not on those with social prominence.

It was after all this that the main lesson took place

- 5.29-32

This same tax collector threw a big feast to honor Jesus calling him.

- A large number of those traitors, uhhh, tax collectors were guests along with others considered to be constant sinners.
- Some Pharisees and their scribes attended, but not as guests.
 - They began to grumble or mutter toward Jesus disciples, using a question.
 - Why do you eat with this kind of people?
 - Implied that they should KNOW better and should ACT better.
- But Jesus put them back in their place and teaches US a great lesson
 - People who are healthy do not need a doctor, just the sick people
 - V 32
 - Jesus came to give sinners an opportunity to repent or change.
- Jesus came for people like me, and maybe you.
 - He wants us to make changes in our lives
 - He KNOWS what can make life wonderful, because HE created us.
 - And we might be considered low in society and politics, but that does not concern Jesus.
 - Jesus wants you
 - He wants to give you a chance to change your life into HIS life
 - He wants you to enjoy the life you have HERE and NOW
 - AND He wants you to be with him in Heaven SHORTLY
 - But, it will require you making a dedicated effort to
 - Learn Him (not a creed)
 - Learn HIS truth
 - Live HIS pattern.

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