

ANNOUNCEMENT #1

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# JESUS ACCEPTS EVERYONE

Jesus never hesitated to speak the truth. In fact, He called Himself the Way, the Truth, and the Life! (See [John 14:6](#)) When the Pharisees questioned why He ate with tax collectors and sinners, Jesus told them that healthy people don't need a doctor - sick people do. (See [Matthew 9:12](#))

Jesus wasn't just talking about people who were physically ill, what other kind of sickness was He referring to?  
*Sin, people who needed forgiveness and healed from sin.*

Jesus accepted everyone who came to Him; that was His mission on Earth. He did not care if others were offended by this. Jesus was often criticized by others for what He should or shouldn't do; it never swayed or deterred Him from doing God's will.

Jesus called people who were hated, judged and rejected by others - people like Levi (Matthew) the tax collector and the sinful woman who showed much love by washing His feet with her tears. Can you name another tax collector in the Bible that Jesus ate a meal with and spent time in his house?

*Zacchaeus.*

## OPTIONAL VERSES FOR GRADES 4-6

[Matthew 9:9-10:](#)

*As Jesus was walking along, He saw a man named Matthew sitting at his tax collector's booth. "Follow Me and be My disciple," Jesus said to him. So Matthew got up and followed Him. Later, Matthew invited Jesus and His disciples to his home as dinner guests, along with many tax collectors and other disreputable sinners.*

[Luke 7:47-50:](#)

*"I tell you, her sins - and they are many - have been forgiven, so she has shown Me much love. But a person who is forgiven little shows only little love." Then Jesus said to the woman, "Your sins are forgiven." The men at the table said among themselves, "Who is this Man, that He goes around forgiving sins?" And Jesus said to the woman, "Your faith has saved you; go in peace."*