

Please submit a final exegesis paper proposal as a Word document (doc/docx) of at least one page in length that addresses all of the following areas and answers the questions relevant to your project:

Overview:

1. What is the passage, topic, or theological issue to be investigated?

Mark 2:13-17 – Jesus calls Levi and eats with tax collectors and sinners.

2. Is there a main claim/thesis that you intend to argue for? If so, clearly state it, with a quick summary of the main reasons and evidence in support of it.

Jesus specifically targets sinners and outcasts and exposes them to the Kingdom of God. I want to uncover reasons for his motivation to love and serve the marginalized people of his time. Why does he spend so much time with them? I'll be investigating his statement that "it is not the healthy people who need a doctor, but sick people; I did not come to call righteous people, but sinners." How are his actions and words still applicable and relevant today as the gospel is shared?

Jesus understands his value and why the Father has sent him. It was prophesied so long before he came. I want to explore OT prophecies that may have foretold they type of Messiah Jesus would be and the things he would do (Is 53:5). In this passage in Mark I am studying, Jesus lives this out with his actions; He intentionally spends time with sinners and outcasts (Mk 2:15), He befriends them (Mk 2:15c, Mk 5:21, Mt 25:31-46), He heals them (Mk 1:41, Mk 3:5, Mk 5:8, Mk 5:34), He has called some to be disciples (Mk 2:14), and he instructs his disciples to do the same (Mk 2:15b). He also ignores and rebukes the religious leaders of his time who question him (Mk 2:17, Mk 2:8, Mk 3:23, Mk 12:38).

Sources/Dialog Partners:

1. What sources have you identified as helpful for your investigation into the passage/topic you are engaging?

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