MESSAGE NOTES **10.25.26**
MESSAGE SERIES: THE GOSPEL OF MARK
WEEK 12: MARK 2:13-17 → "FOR THE LAST, LEAST, & LOST"

MARK'S _____ STATEMENT:

"This is the Good News about Jesus the Messiah, the Son of God." MARK 1:1, NLT

WHO IS JESUS? _____

- This is _____ single most important question you will ever have to answer
- Your _____ to this one question will determine the trajectory and the destination of your eternity

IN MARK 1, JESUS DRAWS _____

"Large crowds soon surrounded Jesus, and he couldn't publicly enter a town anywhere. He had to stay out in the secluded places, but people from everywhere kept coming to him." – MARK 1:45

STARTING IN MARK 2, JESUS DRAWS _____

- PROBLEM #1 = Jesus heals a paralyzed man and declares him forgiven – MARK 2:1-12
- Problem #2 = Jesus invites Levi to be one of his disciples and he associates with tax collectors and other disreputable sinners ("scum") – MARK 2:13-17
- Problem #3 = Jesus is questioned about the meaning, purpose, and practice of fasting that will put him at odds with acceptable and historical practices – MARK 2:18-22
- Problem #4 = Jesus seemingly endorses working on the Sabbath, a direct violation of the Mosaic Law – MARK 2:23-28
- Problem #5 = Jesus heals ("works") on the Sabbath – again! – MARK 3:1-6

"At once the Pharisees went away and met with the supporters of Herod to plot how to kill Jesus." – MARK 3:6

HAVE YOU EVER WONDERED IF YOU WERE GOOD ENOUGH FOR GOD?

- The problem with people who think they're perfect ("righteous) is that they are _____
- The _____, the _____, and the _____ describe the human condition apart from Jesus

V. 13-14. Then Jesus went out to the lakeshore again and taught the crowds that were coming to him. As he walked along, he saw Levi son of Alphaeus sitting at his tax collector's booth. "Follow me and be my disciple," Jesus said to him. So Levi got up and followed him.

- Jesus _____ and _____ to Levi
- Jesus _____ Levi to follow him and be a disciple

V. 15. Later, Levi invited Jesus and his disciples to his home as dinner guests, along with many tax collectors and other disreputable sinners. (There were many people of this kind among Jesus' followers.)

V. 16. But when the teachers of religious law who were Pharisees saw him eating with tax collectors and other sinners, they asked his disciples, "Why does he eat with such scum?"

- Is there any part of you that is prone to Pharisee-ism?

V. 17. When Jesus heard this, he told them, "Healthy people don't need a doctor—sick people do. I have come to call not those who <u>think</u> they are righteous, but those who <u>know</u> they are sinners."

- When we come to faith in Jesus, we _____ and admit that we're NOT righteous
- When we come to faith in Jesus, we _____ to fallow Jesus
- All this is God's _____ for the taking

JESUS CAME FOR THE LAST, THE LEAST, AND THE LOST

- This includes the _____ and _____