

***SCANDAL*, N: AN ACTION OR EVENT REGARDED AS
MORALLY OR LEGALLY WRONG AND CAUSING
GENERAL PUBLIC OUTRAGE.**

GUESS WHO'S COMING TO DINNER! 2:13-17

SERVANT KING

A STUDY OF MARK'S GOSPEL

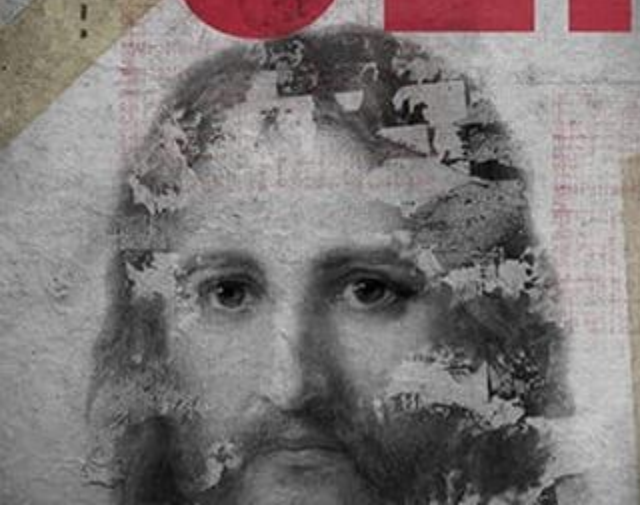
CHAPTER 2

When Jesus returned to Capernaum several days later, the news spread quickly that he was back home. 2 Soon the house where he was staying was so packed with visitors that there was no more room, even outside the door. While he was preaching God's word

12 And the crowd pressed in on him, and walked on him through the crowd. They were all trying to touch him, for power was coming out of him and healing them.

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.) 16 But when the teachers of religious law who were Pharisees and the Jewish leaders saw Jesus eating with such sinners, they asked his disciples, "Why does he eat with such sinners?" 17 When Jesus heard this, he told them, "Healthy people don't need a doctor. I

would both be lost. New wine calls for new wine skins. 21 Jesus said to them, "The Sabbath was made to meet the needs of people, and not people to meet the requirements of the Sabbath. So the Son of Man is Lord of the Sabbath!" When Jesus returned to Capernaum, the news spread that he was back home. 2 Soon the house where he was staying was so packed with visitors that there was no more room, even outside the door. While he was preaching God's word



**ONCE AGAIN JESUS WENT OUT BESIDE THE LAKE. A
LARGE CROWD CAME TO HIM, AND HE BEGAN TO
TEACH THEM. AS HE WALKED ALONG, HE SAW LEVI
SON OF ALPHEUS SITTING AT THE TAX COLLECTOR'S
BOOTH. "FOLLOW ME," JESUS TOLD HIM, AND LEVI
GOT UP AND FOLLOWED HIM.**

THE CALLING OF LEVI

EXTERIOR SCANDAL

THE CALLING OF LEVI

INTERIOR SCANDAL

**WHILE JESUS WAS HAVING DINNER AT LEVI'S HOUSE,
MANY TAX COLLECTORS AND SINNERS WERE EATING
WITH HIM AND HIS DISCIPLES, FOR THERE WERE
MANY WHO FOLLOWED HIM.**

**WHEN THE TEACHERS OF THE LAW WHO WERE
PHARISEES SAW HIM EATING WITH THE SINNERS
AND TAX COLLECTORS, THEY ASKED HIS DISCIPLES:
"WHY DOES HE EAT WITH TAX COLLECTORS AND
SINNERS?"**

**ON HEARING THIS, JESUS SAID TO THEM, "IT IS NOT THE
HEALTHY WHO NEED A DOCTOR, BUT THE SICK. I HAVE NOT
COME TO CALL THE RIGHTEOUS, BUT SINNERS."**

**SINCE JESUS' MISSION IS TO FORGIVE SINS, HE CALLS
SINNERS TO HIMSELF.**

**JESUS' CALLS FORGIVEN SINNERS TO CALL OTHER
SINNERS TO JESUS.**

**SINNERS WHO REFUSE TO FOLLOW JESUS ARE LEFT TO
THEIR OWN DELUSION OF SELF-RIGHTEOUSNESS. THIS
DELUSION ENDS IN FUTILITY.**