



MATTHEW
THE JESUS I KNEW pt. 6
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THE RELIGIOUS CAN'T SEE PAST THEIR OWN _____ FRAMEWORK TO SEE THE HEART OF WHAT JESUS IS DOING.

UNDERSTANDING IN CONTEXT:

- THE PASSAGE TELLS US WHAT A REAL _____ IS.
- JESUS NEVER HOLDS MATTHEW _____ BY THE SINS OF HIS PAST.
- JESUS LOVED MATTHEW BECAUSE THAT'S WHO _____ IS.

UNDERSTANDING FOLLOWING JESUS:

- CHRISTIANITY IS NOT SOMETHING YOU _____, CHRISTIANITY TAKES YOU UP.
- MATTHEW NEVER ASKS WHAT MUST I _____ OR WHAT DO I GET IN RETURN..
- To _____ JESUS, YOU MUST COME TO GRIPS WITH WHO HE IS.
- JESUS CANNOT _____ IN YOUR OLD LIFE. HE MUST GIVE YOU A NEW ONE.
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WHILE YOU WERE _____ IN SIN, JESUS DIED TO MAKE YOU _____ !

QUESTIONS FOR FURTHER REFLECTION

1. Read Matthew 9:9-17. What about this text stands out to you? Is there anything that you are encouraged by? Anything that you find concerning?
2. The sermon highlights the contrast between religious legalism and the heart of Jesus' message. How do you see this contrast playing out in modern religious contexts? Can you recall any instances where religious legalism hindered understanding of Jesus' message?
3. Reflecting on the parable of the wine skins, what does it mean to embrace a new life in Christ? How might clinging to old ways or seeking to fit Jesus into existing frameworks hinder spiritual growth and transformation?
4. The sermon discusses the concept of prevenient grace, the idea that God's grace works in our lives even before we fully understand or acknowledge it. How does this concept resonate with your own spiritual journey or understanding of grace?
5. Finally, the sermon concludes with a call to compassion and action, suggesting that the few workers in the harvest field may be linked to a lack of compassion and willingness to embrace those deemed unworthy by the church. In what ways can we, as individuals and as communities, cultivate a deeper sense of compassion and actively engage in Jesus' mission of reconciliation and love?