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## **Canaan Celebration Service**

**10 February 2019 • 10 am • Level 4 Hall**

**84 St Francis Rd, Canaan Centre, S328069**

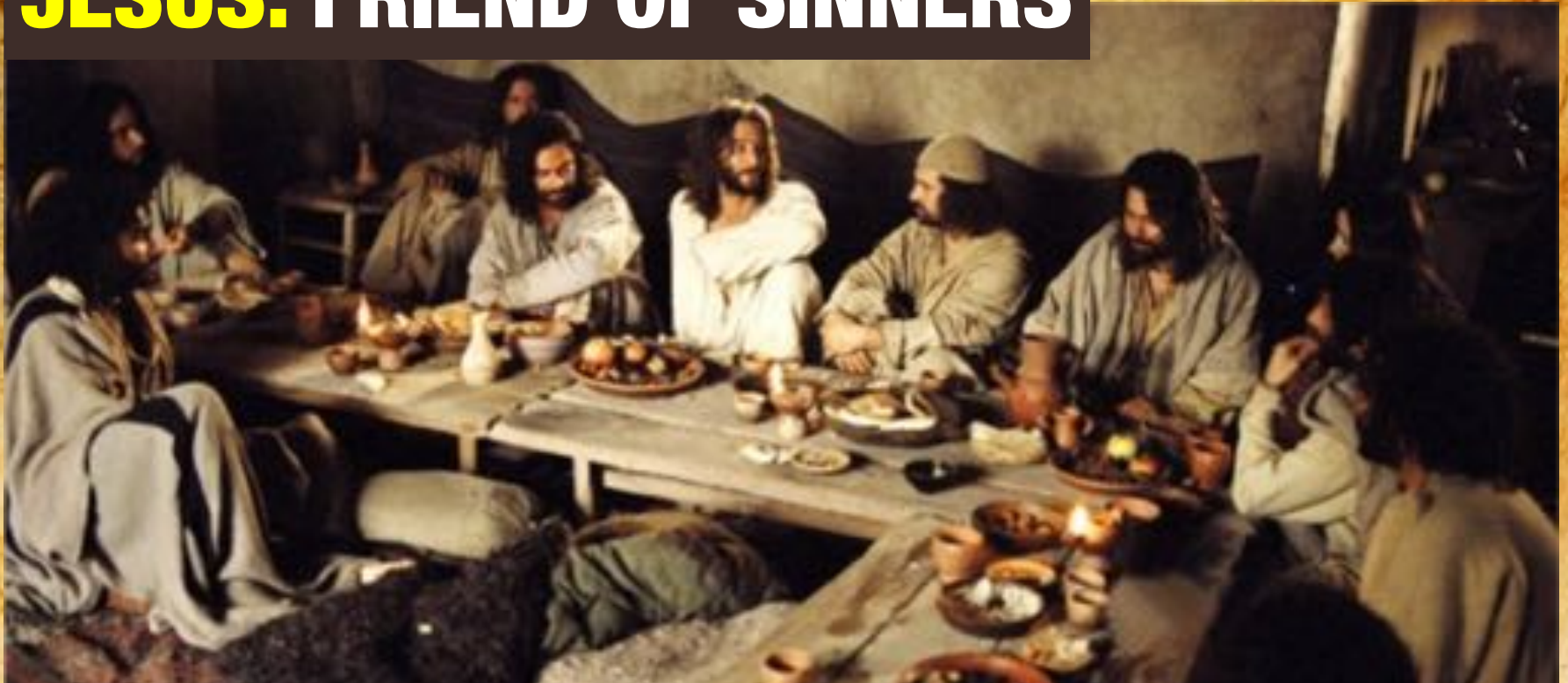


**“Hanging Out with  
Sinners”** *(Mark 2:13-17)*

**Speaker: Ps Larry Arienzano**

**...many tax collectors and sinners were eating with him and his disciples**

# **JESUS: FRIEND OF SINNERS**



**The Son of Man, on the other hand, feasts and drinks, and you say, 'He's a glutton and a drunkard, and a friend of tax collectors and other sinners!' Luke 7:34; Matt 11:19**

**Jesus was a friend of sinners in that he came to save sinners and was very pleased to welcome sinners who were open to the gospel, sorry for their sins, and on their way to putting their faith in Him.**

**By Hanging Out With Sinners,  
Jesus Shows Us His Great Capacity  
For Love And Compassion**



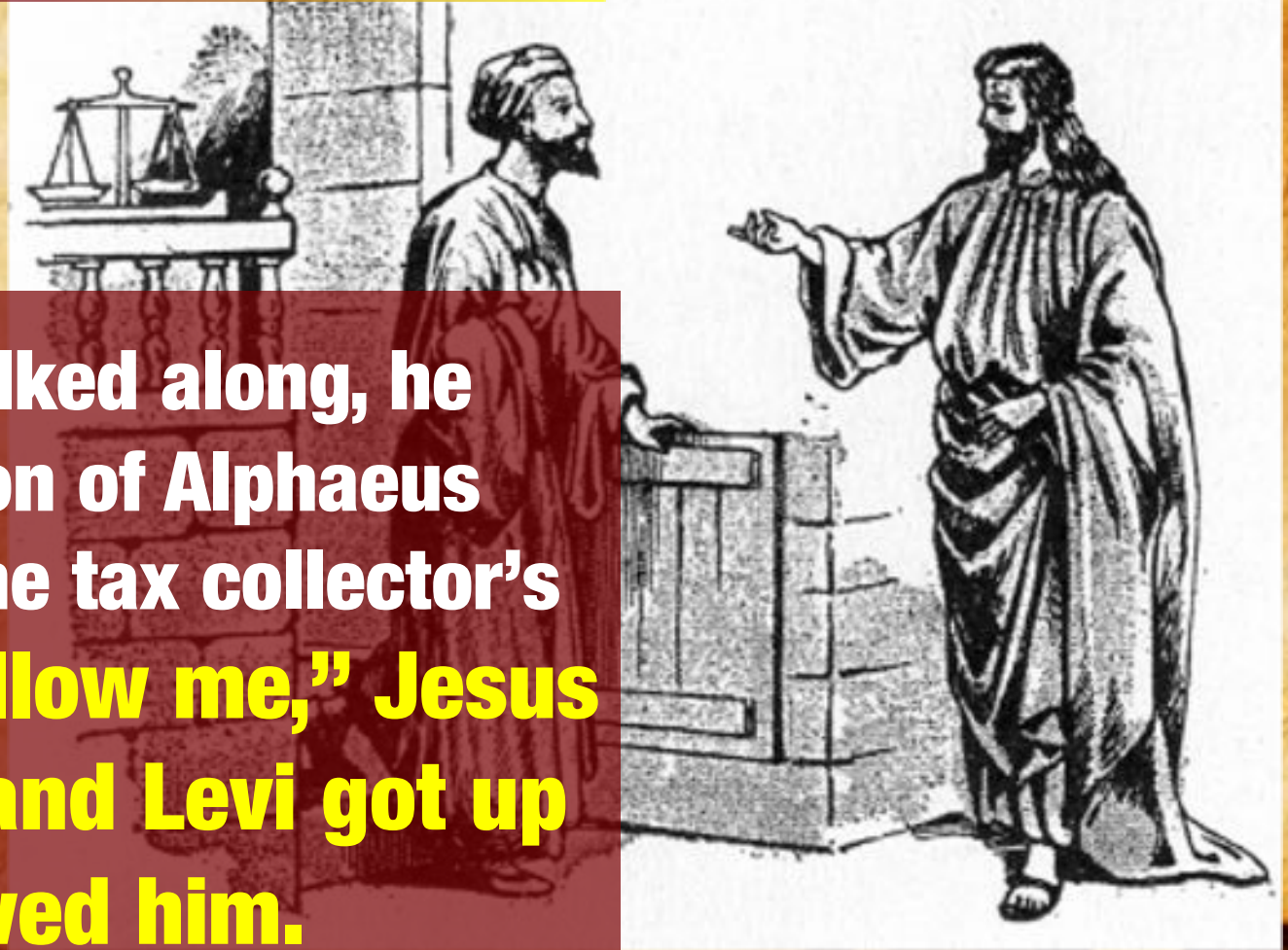
# **MATTHEW: THE TAX COLLECTOR**



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# MATTHEW FOLLOWED JESUS WITHOUT DELAY

<sup>14</sup> As he walked along, he saw Levi son of Alphaeus sitting at the tax collector's booth. **“Follow me,”** Jesus told him, and Levi got up and followed him.



**MATTHEW LEFT  
EVERYTHING BEHIND**

**And he left everything  
behind, and got up  
and began to follow  
Him. Luke 5:28**

**Matthew Understood  
The Cost Of Discipleship.**

*Follow  
Jesus*



# **MATTHEW INVITED HIS FRIENDS TO A GREAT BANQUET FOR JESUS**



**Then Levi held a great banquet for Jesus at his house, and a large crowd of tax collectors and others were eating with them. Luke 5:29**

# CELEBRATION OF Hope

**AT MATTHEW'S PARTY, JESUS:**

- **Saved a lost soul.**
- **Added a new disciple to His band.**
- **Explained His ministry to Matthew's friends and to the Scribes and Pharisees.**





# JESUS MADE CLEAR HIS MISSION TO REBUKE THE PHARISEES

**17** 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.”



# **IF JESUS WAS A FRIEND OF SINNERS, WE SHOULD BE ALSO**

**1. Be A Friend To Sinners, Not Just Friendly To Them.**

**2. Be A Friend And Share The Gospel.**

**3. Be Intentional And Natural**