

Crazy Love – 1

Crazy Acceptance

"I like your Christ, but I do not like your Christians. Your Christians are so unlike Christ." – Gandhi

Matthew 9:9-13

9 As Jesus went on from there, he saw a man named Matthew sitting at the tax collector's booth. "Follow me," he told him, and Matthew got up and followed him. 10 While Jesus was having dinner at Matthew's house, many tax collectors and "sinners" came and ate with him and his disciples. 11 When the Pharisees saw this, they asked his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and 'sinners'?" 12 On hearing this, Jesus said, "It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. 13 But go and learn what this means: 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners."

PROP: *The more you become like Christ, the more the lost will like you and the religious will despise you.*

Luke 19:7

All the people saw this and began to mutter, "He has gone to be the guest of a 'sinner.' "

Q: What Makes Jesus so different?

A: What He sees.

1. Jesus sees the real you.

Isaiah 43:1

But now, this is what the LORD says—he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: "Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have summoned you by name; you are mine"

2. Jesus sees your needs.

3. Jesus sees your potential.

Jeremiah 29:11

For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.

Isaiah 1:18

"Come now, let us reason together," says the LORD. "Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow"