

## The Truth About Sin

Text: Matthew Chapter 18, Luke 13

When we discuss why the world has so many problems, when we discuss why there seems to be such a lack of morals, and integrity, and character. We come up with a lot of explanations, but rarely do we ever call it \_\_\_\_\_!

Why are people afraid to use the Sin word? I believe it is because the concept of it is inevitably linked with the idea of judgment.

-Judgment of s\_\_\_\_\_ as the Holy Spirit convicts the heart about sin.

-Judgment of o\_\_\_\_\_ to whom we desperately want to belong with at all costs.

-Judgment of \_\_\_\_\_, because if there is such a thing as sin. That means that you have to believe that there is a moral absolute out there that was put in place by a higher authority.

Jesus talked a lot about sin. And it is because of his conviction that there is a moral absolute, that there is a higher authority. Ref: Luke 13: 1-3

### Some Radical Truths Jesus Taught Us about Sin

#### #1 We Better Take Sin S\_\_\_\_\_

Jesus said radical things about taking sin seriously and to do whatever we have to do for two reasons:

A. To keep from influencing others to sin. Ref: Matthew 18:6,7

B. Jesus said when it comes to sin get r\_\_\_\_\_. Do whatever it takes. Take sin seriously, get radical to avoid it. Avoid willful transgressions of God's law. Ref: Matthew 13:41

#### #2 Treat Sinners G\_\_\_\_\_ and with Respect

And if you asked Jesus, why do you hang out with sinners? He would admit that he was on a search and rescue mission for sinners. Ref: Mark 2:17

Jesus consistently taught his disciples to treat sinners with grace. There were two reasons:

A. Our own need for forgiveness precludes any of us from having the right to judge others.

One reason we need to treat sinners with grace is because that is exactly what we need from God. Ref: Matthew 6:14,15

This is a mystery, it's hard to understand, that God who hates sin, absolutely desires with a passion, to be reunited with sinners. Ref: Luke 15:7

B. Jesus did not condemn because Jesus was going to pay the penalty for her sin Himself. Ref: John 1:29; John 3:15-16

#3 Trust Jesus C\_\_\_\_\_.

Good men don't get to heaven forgiven men do. Ref: John 8:24

On a real ugly spot on a hill outside of Jerusalem, they put three men on a cross. One man that day died to his sin, because he trusted in Jesus and he went to paradise. And just on the other side, a man died that day in his sin, and he went to hell. It all depends upon what you believe about the Man who died for your sins.

God's plan of Salvation: Acts 22:16; Galatians 3:27; Matthew 16:16; Romans 10:9; Acts 2:38