

Matthew 9.1-17 – Jesus forgives sinners

True story: Brandt Jean who forgave his brother's killer, Amber Guyger

1. Faith leads to forgiveness (v1-8) (Mark 2; Luke 5)

The greater need

Sin is...

Who can forgive sins?

What did Jesus have to go through to forgive our sins? (26.28,38; 27.46)

Eg of dirty clothes

'Righteousness' in Chinese = Lamb over me

How do we receive this righteousness? (Ps 130.3-4)

2. For Sinners (v9-13)

Matthew called and saved

Pharisees stay outside (like Luke 15.22ff)

No one is righteous (Rom 3.10,23; Hosea 6.6)

Mum's don't be parenting Pharisees

We all need God's forgiveness and grace

3. Bringing Joy and Newness (v14-17) (Matt 25; Rev 19.7)

Fasting is practiced but not commanded in the NT (Acts 13.2-3; 14.23)
To focus on prayer

V16-17 – The Gospel of Jesus can't be contained in the Old Covenant
or traditions

Jesus is with us now and we can have joy because of him,
Even in storms and sickness

Tim Chester, *Enjoying God*

Tim Keller, *Walking with God through pain and suffering*