

# **LEVI'S PARTY: AN EXAMPLE FOR US TODAY**

*(Luke 5:27-32; Mark 2:13-17; Mat 9:9-13)*

## **Cast of Characters:**

**Levi:** A despised tax collector. The Romans commissioned local independent contractors to collect taxes, and allowed a mark-up for themselves. The mark-up usually exceeded the specified amount. The Jewish people considered these collectors Thieves and Traitors. Levi was saved and followed Jesus and became the Apostle Matthew.

**Jesus:** In His own words about Himself from Luke 19:10 “For the Son of man came to seek and to save what was lost”. Jesus is the seeker and savior of the Lost.

**Tax Collectors and “Sinners”:** people that Jesus came to save

**Pharisees:** the self-righteous “church” leaders

## **THE STORY: Luke 5:27-32**

Notes:

## **A THOUGHT FROM JESUS: LUKE 7:34-35**

## **PAUL'S PERSPECTIVE: I COR 9:19-23**

## **THOUGHTS FROM REX HUTTO:**

Many Christians spend too much time hanging around church and with our Christian friends. We are referred to as “soldiers” (I Cor 9:7; II Tim 2:3-4; Philemon 2), and battles are never won in the barracks!

Since we are the “salt of the world” (Mat 5:13), we need to get out of the salt shaker and into the world.

### **A KEY RESOURCE: PRAYER**

Col 4:2-6. We should devote ourselves to prayer, specifically praying for:

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