

**Snapshots of Jesus**  
**Religion vs. Relationship – Part 2**  
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Jesus' Conflict with the Religious Leaders:

3) Conflict over Sabbath keeping (Mark 2:23 – 3:6)

2) Conflict over fasting (Mark 2:18-22)

1) Conflict over who Jesus associated with (Mark 2:13-17)

Mark 2:15-16

*That night Levi invited Jesus and his disciples to be his dinner guests, along with his fellow tax collectors and many other notorious sinners. There were many people of this kind among the crowds that followed Jesus. NLT ("a collection of disreputable guests" MSG ; "tax collectors and other outcasts" TEV)*

*16 When the teachers of the law who were Pharisees saw him eating with the "sinners" and tax collectors, they asked his disciples: "Why does he eat with tax collectors and 'sinners'?"*

*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."*

Luke 7:47

*Therefore, I tell you, her many sins have been forgiven — for she loved much. But he who has been forgiven little loves little."*

"The practical importance of this (*Justification*) cannot be exaggerated. The glory of the gospel is that God has declared Christians to be rightly related to him in spite of their sin. But our greatest temptation and mistake is to try to smuggle character into his work of grace. How easily we fall into the trap of assuming that we only remain justified so long as there are grounds in our character for that justification."

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