

**THE FRIEND OF SINNERS**  
**From The Cradle To The Cross – Part 10**  
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**I. Jesus SEES ME AS I AM**

*“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.” Matthew 9:9 (NIV)*

**II. Jesus LOVES ME AS I AM**

*“While Jesus was having dinner at Matthew’s house, many tax collectors and ‘sinners’ came and ate with Him and His disciples. When the Pharisees saw this, they asked His disciples, ‘Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and ‘sinners’?’” Matthew 9:10-11 (NIV)*

**III. Jesus CALLS ME AS I AM**

*“On hearing this, Jesus said, ‘It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. But go and learn what this means: ‘I desire mercy, not sacrifice. For I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners.’” Matthew 9:12-13 (NIV)*

**IV. Jesus WON’T LEAVE ME AS I AM**

*“He who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion.” Philippians 1:6 (NIV)*

*“For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast.” Ephesians 2:8-9 (NIV)*

*“God saved you by His grace when you believed. And you can’t take credit for this; it is a gift from God. Salvation is not a reward for the good things we have done, so none of us can boast about it.” Ephesians 2:8-9 (NLT)*

From the Gospel of Matthew

*“Our Father which art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth as it is in heaven.*

*Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.” Matthew 6:9-13 (KJV)*

*“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of God.” Matthew 5:3 (NIV)*

*“Do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear... But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.” Matthew 6:25, 33 (NIV)*

*“You are the salt of the earth... You are the light of the world.” Matthew 5:13-14 (NIV)*

*“All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.” Matthew 28:18-20 (NIV)*

*“Come to Me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For My yoke is easy and my burden is light.” Matthew 11:28-30 (NIV)*

*“If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.” 1 John 1:9 (NIV)*

*“For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.” John 3:16 (NKJV)*

*“Anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun!” 2 Corinthians 5:17 (NLT)*