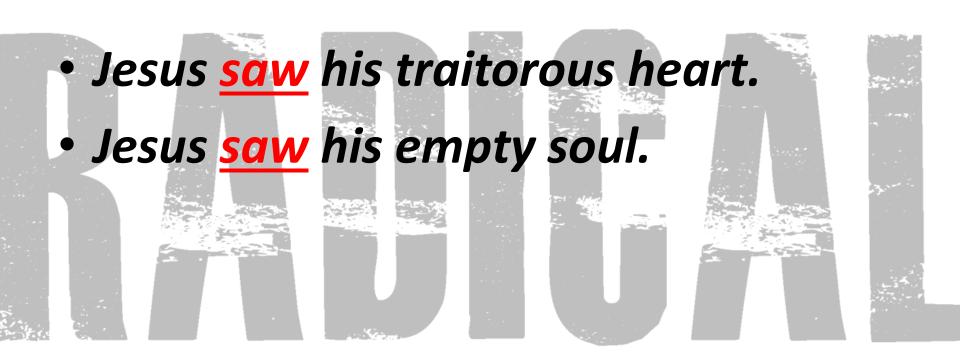


#### **EVERYONE HAS A BACKSTAGE**

Mark 2:13-14 Once again Jesus went out beside the lake. A large crowd came to Him, and He began to teach them. 14 As He walked along, HE SAW Levi son of Alphaeus sitting at the tax collector's booth. "Follow me," Jesus told him...





Mark 2:15 While Jesus was having dinner at Levi's house, MANY tax collectors and "sinners" were eating with Him and His disciples, for there were many who followed Him.

- · Jesus saw his traitorous heart.
- Jesus saw his empty soul.
- Jesus breaks all the rules!

Mark 2:16-17

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."

• Jesus didn't hang out with the party crowd simply because he "liked the party crowd." He hung out with the party crowd because they were sick and they knew it.

• Jesus didn't avoid the religious crowd because He "didn't like religious people." He avoided religious people because they were sick and wouldn't admit it.