

Luke 5:30

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

But their scribes and Pharisees murmured against his disciples, saying, Why do ye eat and drink with publicans and sinners?

Analysis

Scribes Pharisees murmured against disciples saying Why do ye eat drink with publicans sinners. Scribes grammateis Torah experts. Pharisees Pharisaioi separatists. Murmured egongyzton grumbled complained. Against disciples pros targeted complaint. Saying legontes articulating objection. Why dia ti what reason. Eat drink commensality table fellowship. With meta in company of. Publicans sinners hamartōlōn morally compromised. Table fellowship in first century signified acceptance intimacy. Pharisees separated from sinners to maintain purity. Jesus approach opposite. Came to seek save lost. Grace reaches sinners not righteous. Reformed theology emphasizes God initiative in salvation seeking lost sheep.

Historical Context

Jewish purity laws required separation from Gentiles sinners ceremonially unclean. Pharisees extreme in application. Built fence around Torah to prevent violation. Jesus consistently violated these traditions not Torah itself but human additions. Eating with sinners became major criticism. Later Peter struggled with this Antioch (Gal 2). Early church had to overcome Jewish scruples about Gentile fellowship. Acts 15 Council resolved issue. Modern church sometimes similar struggles who is acceptable who should be kept at distance. Gospel demands both holiness and compassion maintaining truth while reaching lost.

Related Passages

Genesis 1:1 — Creation of heavens and earth

Psalm 19:1 — Heavens declare God's glory

Study Questions

1. Why did Pharisees object to Jesus eating with sinners what does their objection reveal?
2. How should church balance maintaining holiness with reaching out to those society considers outcasts?

Interlinear Text

καὶ ἐγόγγυζον οἱ γραμματεῖς αὐτοῦ, καὶ οἱ Φαρισαῖοι

But **murmured** G3588 **scribes** G1122 **his** G846 **But** G3588 **Pharisees** G5330

πρὸς τοὺς μαθητὰς αὐτοῦ, λέγοντες, Διατί μετὰ

against G3588 **disciples** G3101 **his** G846 **saying** G3004 **Why** G1302 **with** G3326

τελωνῶν καὶ ἀμαρτωλῶν ἐσθίετε καὶ πίνετε;

publicans **But** **sinners** **do ye eat** **But** **drink**

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