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Further Application Questions

- Do any of your unbelieving friends consider the gospel to be bad news? Why?
- What aspects of Jesus' teaching might we consider to be bad news for us?
- How do we see that attitude reflected in the religious leaders in this passage?
- How does this passage help us see that Jesus' rule is good news?
- In what ways might we need to repent - as individuals, and as a church?

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