

The Call of Matthew

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Matthew 9:9-13

“9As 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. 10While Jesus was having dinner at Matthew’s house, many tax collectors and sinners came and ate with him and his disciples. 11When the Pharisees saw this, they asked his disciples, “Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?”12On hearing this, Jesus said, “It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. 13But go and learn what this means: ‘I desire mercy, not sacrifice.’For I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners.”

Tax Collector

Sitting

Saw

Follow

Supper with Sinners

“Jesus came into the world to save sinners! Yes, Jesus was a teacher. Yes, He was a miracle-worker. Yes, He was a King. Yes, He was the perfect moral example of how we should live our lives. But if that were all He was, there would be no hope for us fallen creatures suffering from a fatal disease, dying physically and spiritually from the plague of sin. Jesus was and is a Savior for sinners. He is a Savior who so loved us that he came down to give us God’s medicine for our eternal relief—the forgiveness of our sins.” Douglas Sean O’Donnell