

The Sick

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Enter Matthew

(Matt. 9:9)

As Jesus passed on from there, He saw a man named Matthew sitting at the tax office. And He said to him, “**Follow Me.**” So he arose and followed Him.

- Matthew (aka – Levi son of Alphaeus) was a Jew but also a Roman tax collector in Capernaum
- Tax collectors were thought of as traitors and crooks
- Jesus calling Matthew demonstrates that he came to call all sinners
- Matthew dropped everything and went

The Great Feast

(Matt. 9:10)

Now it happened, as Jesus sat at the table in the house, *that* behold, many tax collectors and sinners came and sat down with Him and His disciples.

- Matthew had a huge dinner and invited all of his friends (Luke 5:29)
- Tax collectors (Publican) (G5056) – Public tax collector who often charged citizens more taxes than they owned for personal financial gain
- Sinners (G264) – A trespasser or offender
- Jesus eating with them was very taboo but shows his love and mercy for all types of people

The Pharisees

(Matt. 9:11)

And when the Pharisees saw *it*, they said to His disciples, “Why does your Teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?”

- The Pharisees devoted their lives to following the Law and their religious rituals
- They would have seen Jesus eating with tax collectors and sinners as an unclean act
- They went as far as asking the disciples why Jesus would socialize with those kind of people

The Reaction

(Matt. 9:12)

When Jesus heard *that*, He said to them, “**Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick.**

- The question was asked to the disciples but Jesus answered the Pharisees directly
- He may have not wanted his words to be misspoken
- The statement was simple and to the point.

The Lesson(Matt 9:13)

But go and learn what *this* means: ‘I desire mercy and not sacrifice.’

- Jesus gave the Pharisees some familiar homework to do

For I did not come to call the righteous, but sinners, to repentance.”

- Jesus also gave his mission statement

The Homework

‘I desire mercy and not sacrifice.’

- Hosea 6:6 - For I desire mercy and not sacrifice,
And the knowledge of God more than burnt offerings.
- Isaiah 1:10-17 – God spoke through the prophet and said he
has had enough of hollow burnt offerings..... then the following
words

Learn to do good;
Seek justice,
Rebuke the oppressor;
Defend the fatherless,

Your

homework

Plead for the widow.

Read Isaiah 1:10-

Closing Thoughts

1. It doesn't matter who you are just be willing to follow Jesus' lead when he calls you to do so
2. Everyone is welcome to the party and it doesn't matter about there looks, gender, profession, etc.
3. We don't have the right or authority to judge anyone else. We are sinners too and just as unworthy of God's love
4. Don't just be list checkers (salvation is not through deed only grace)
5. God calls us to love others (he has the ability to save not us)

Questions?

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