

THE CALL OF MATTHEW
(Matthew 9:9-13)

- I. Matthew's CALL (Matt. 9:9)
 - A. His situation was NORMAL: he was AT WORK
 - B. His occupation was DESPISED: he was a TAX COLLECTOR
 - C. His call was GRACIOUS: he was a SINNER
 - D. His response was IMMEDIATE: he LEFT EVERYTHING (cf. Lk. 5:28)

- II. Matthew's HOSPITALITY (Matt. 9:10)
 - A. He hosted a DINNER for JESUS and His DISCIPLES—
 - B. *Many* TAX COLLECTORS and SINNERS also came to dine

- III. Pharisees' CRITICISM (Matt. 9:11)
 - A. They SAW Jesus eating with the DISREPUTABLE/RIFFRAFF/OUTCASTS
 - 1. Jesus RISKED ceremonial DEFILEMENT
 - 2. This DAMAGED Jesus' REPUTATION
 - B. They asked WHY He would do so

1. They are not asking for INFORMATION but are making an ACCUSATION
2. They challenged the DISCIPLES rather than JESUS
3. They CONTEMPTUOUSLY lumped Him with the “tax collectors and sinners”
4. They RESENTED Jesus’ unwillingness to associate with THEM

IV. Jesus’ INSTRUCTION (Matt. 9:12-13)

A. Their attitude DEFIED human LOGIC

1. A physician is needed by the SICK not the HEALTHY
2. Therefore, a physician must ASSOCIATE with those who NEED him

B. Their attitude DISREGARDED God’s WORD (cf. Hos. 6:6)

1. They were all about RITUAL, but God wants COMPASSION
2. Jesus told them to “GO and LEARN” the Scriptures they claimed to defend

C. Their attitude DENIED Jesus’ AUTHORITY

1. He had a MISSION they did not UNDERSTAND
2. He had not come to call the RIGHTEOUS, but SINNERS