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## MATTHEW, GRACE FOR THE HUMBLE

*9 As 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.*

*10 While Jesus was having dinner at Matthew's house, many tax collectors and sinners came and ate with him and his disciples. 11 When the Pharisees saw this, they asked his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?"*

*12 On hearing this, Jesus said, "It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. 13 But go and learn what this means: 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners." Matthew 9:9-13*

### 1. Matthew started his journey as a man marked by shame.

*'God, I thank you that I am not like other people—robbers, evildoers, adulterers—or even like this tax collector. Luke 18:11*

### 2. Matthew had a deep knowledge of the Jewish Scriptures.

### 3. When called by Jesus, Matthew let go of the temporary.

*"Follow me," he told him, and Matthew got up and followed him. v. 9*

*"The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure hidden in a field. When a man found it, he hid it again, and then in his joy went and sold all he had and bought that field. Matthew 13:44*

### 4. He immediately started sharing the Good News.

*While Jesus was having dinner at Matthew's house, many tax collectors and sinners came and ate with him and his disciples. v. 10*

*And Levi gave a big reception for Him in his house; and there was a great crowd of tax collectors and other people who were reclining at the table with them. Luke 5:29*

*...many tax collectors and sinners were dining with Jesus and His disciples. Mark 2:15*

*When the Pharisees saw this, they asked his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" v. 11*

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### 5. Matthew became a **Faithful**, **Humble** and **Merciful** servant of the Lord.