

June 28th, 2026

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Matthew 9:9 (NIV)

What Do We Know About Matthew?

- He was also known as _____.
- He was a _____ yet chosen by Jesus.
- He was likely _____.
- He seems to respond _____.
- He _____ a Gospel.

What Do We See About Matthew's Character or Story?

- We see someone who lived with a _____.
Matt 9:9; Mark 2:14; Luke 5:27
- He experienced success without _____.

How Did Jesus Shape Matthew?

- Jesus invited him _____ he changed him. Mark 2:14
- Jesus _____ his identity. Matt 9:10-13
- Jesus _____ his purpose.

What Does This Mean for Us?

1. Your label is _____ your final identity.
Luke 18:10-14; 1John 3:1

2. Following Jesus will cost us, but it's _____ it.
Luke 5:28; 9:23

3. Your story can become a _____.
Luke 5:29; John 4:28

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- He was likely wealthy.
- He seems to respond immediately.
- He authored a Gospel.

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- We see someone who lived with a label.
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- He experienced success without belonging.

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- Jesus redefined his identity. Matt 9:10-13
- Jesus reshaped his purpose.

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1. Your label is not your final identity.
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