

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE CLASS**  
**MATTHEW 9:9-13**  
**JUNE 5, 2019**

**INTRODUCTION:**

1. **MATTHEW 9:5:** *“For which is easier...”*
  - a) The disciples were given authority to perform miracles. (Matt. 10.1,7,8)
  - b) Only deity can forgive sins. (Mark 2.7; John 20.20-23)
2. **MATTHEW 9:6:** *“the Son of Man has power on earth to forgive sins”*
  - a) Not just the power to forgive, but the power on earth to forgive.
  - b) The demonstration of His authority. (Matt. 9.6; John 10.37,38)
  - c) **LUKE 5.26:** *“We have seen strange things today!”* Why? Because God gave power to a man to do such things. (Matt. 9.8)
3. Jesus interacts with tax collectors and sinners. (Matt. 9.9-13)

**I. MATTHEW IS CALLED**

- A. **MATTHEW 9:9:** *“As Jesus passed on from there, He saw a man named Matthew”*
  1. His name is also known as *“Levi.”* (Luke 5.27)
  2. He was the son of Alphaeus. (Mark 2.14)
- B. **MATTHEW 9:9:** *“sitting at the tax office.”*
  1. He was a *“tax collector”* (Luke 5.27)
  2. Tax collectors took more than their share. (Luke 3.12,13; 19.8)
  3. Tax collectors were typically Jews working for the Roman government, i.e. Matthew.
- C. **MATTHEW 9:9:** *“As Jesus passed on from there, He saw a man”*
  1. Saw (eido): He knew everything about Him. His character, His heart, His past.
  2. Jesus knows everything about you. (John 4.29,39; 10.14; Heb. 6.20; 9.24)
  3. God knows everything about you. (Heb. 4.13; Ps. 139.1-6)
- D. **MATTHEW 9:9:** *“And He said to him, ‘Follow Me.’ So he arose and followed Him.”*

**II. MATTHEW HAS A GREAT FEAST**

- A. Jesus takes time to help the social outcast.
  1. **MATTHEW 9:10:** *“as Jesus sat at the table in the house”* (Mark 2.15; Luke 5.29)
  2. **MATTHEW 9:10:** *“many tax collectors and sinners”* (Matt. 21.31,32; Luke 19.2)
  3. **MATTHEW 9:10:** *came and sat down with Him and His disciples.”* Why?
    - a) Possible friends and colleagues of Matthew. (Matt. 5.46,47)
    - b) These were followers of Jesus. (Mark 2.15)
  4. Why did tax collectors and sinners follow Jesus?
    - a) Tax collectors and sinners were social outcasts. (Matt. 18.17)
    - b) Yet Jesus took time for the social outcast. (Matt. 11.19)
    - c) They saw their need for forgiveness. (Luke 3.12; 7.29; 18.10,11)
    - d) They believed in Jesus. (Matt. 21.31,32)
- B. The Pharisees separated themselves from tax collectors and sinners.
  1. **MATTHEW 9:11:** *“And when the Pharisees saw it, they said to His disciples, ‘Why does your Teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?’”*
  2. Pharisees would have no dealings with them. (Luke 7.36-39; 15.1-3; 18.9)
- C. Jesus came to save sinners. (Matt. 9.12,13; 1 Tim. 1.15,16)