



The Power of the King over Discipleship

Matthew 9:9-13

Introduction: Have you heard **The** _____ to follow Jesus Christ? Are you a disciple of the Lord Jesus Christ?

Discipleship affects every area of our lives:

- **The** _____ – Surrendered to follow Jesus Christ.
- **The Heart** – Surrendered to be transformed by Jesus Christ.
- **The** _____ – Surrendered to the mission of Jesus Christ.
- **The Feet** – Surrendered to walking it out where you live, work, and play.

I. Jesus calls a tax _____ – 9:9

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.

A. Jesus _____ Matthew – 9:9

He saw a man named Matthew sitting at the tax office

B. Jesus' _____ to Matthew – 9:9

And He said to him, "Follow Me."

C. Matthew _____ Jesus – 9:9

So he arose and followed Him.

In Luke 5:28 we read, *So he left all, rose up, and followed Him.*

II. Jesus _____ with tax collectors and sinners – 9:10

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.

What do we have in this verse? According to Luke 5:29, Levi threw a _____ and invited all his associates. It has been suggested that Matthew wanted to introduce his companions to Jesus.

A _____ Party

A. _____ was at the table – 9:10

Now it happened, as Jesus sat at the table in the house,

B. _____ were at the table – 9:10

That behold, many tax collectors and sinners came and sat down with Him,

C. _____ were at the table – 9:10

And his disciples.

III. Jesus is _____ for eating with tax collectors and sinners – 9:11

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

A. The _____ saw it – 9:11

11 And when the Pharisees saw it,

Pharisees were the _____ of the religious parties of Jesus' day. To eat with sinners was below them. They would never dream of sitting down at a table with such a crowd. Thank God that Jesus was not a legalist!

Have you ever heard the words: _____ **by association?**

B. The Pharisees _____ it – 9:11

they said to His disciples, "Why does your Teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?"

IV. Jesus corrects the _____ of His critics – 9:12-13

12 When Jesus heard that, He said to them, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. 13a But go and learn what this means: 'I desire mercy and not sacrifice.' For I did not come to call the righteous, but sinners, to repentance."

A. Jesus corrects their _____ – 9:12

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

When we are _____, we don't go out and search for a doctor. It's when we are not feeling well that we call up the doctor office and try to get in to see our family physician. Good luck with seeing your family physician these days.

- Healthy people _____ away from physicians.
- Sick people _____ out a physician.

B. Jesus encourages them to go and _____ what this means – 9:13

13a But go and learn what this means: 'I desire mercy and not sacrifice.'

Jesus is all about _____ .

C. Jesus came to _____ sinners – 9:13b

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

Who are the _____ in this verse? They are the ones who do not believe that they need Jesus Christ.

Jesus made it very clear that the purpose of His coming was to call sinners, to _____. Truthfully that is all of us. All of us were sinners in need of repentance.

The Bible says, *Behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation.* (2 Corinthians 6:2)

Conclusion: I began this chapter with the following question: Have you heard the _____ of Jesus Christ? Now, I ask you, have you _____ to the **CALL** of Jesus Christ? Be like Matthew and leave all behind, rise, and follow Jesus.

What are some take-home truths from this section of Matthew?

1. Jesus will choose those whom society may _____, like tax-collectors and sinners.
2. When Jesus _____ don't hesitate to follow Him.
3. Don't forget your _____ friends need Jesus too.
4. Throw a _____ party for all your unsaved friends.
5. Religious people will _____ your outreach actions. Just accept it.
6. Sick people need a _____, not healthy people.
7. God desires _____ and not sacrifice.
8. Jesus came to _____ sinners to repentance.
9. Make sure that you _____ Jesus Christ as your personal Savior and Lord.