

Matthew 9:9-13

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Matthew 9:9-13 (NKJV):

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.

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.

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

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

¹³ 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."

JESUS CALLS

Matthew saw himself as a tax collector...

Jesus saw a disciple...

He didn't need to understand everything about following Jesus...

He simply knew one thing...

Jesus accepted me...

JESUS WELCOMES

“Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?”

Jesus could lovingly sit at the table without becoming like the people at the table.

JESUS INVITES

Jesus responds to the Pharisees' question with one of the most powerful words ever spoken in Scripture...

“Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick.”

“I desire mercy, and not sacrifice.”

Jesus is quoting Hosea 6:6...

By quoting this... He's confronting a religious mindset...that can become more concerned with...performing the right things... rather than reflecting the heart of God.

So... HOW DO WE APPLY THIS MONDAY MORNING?