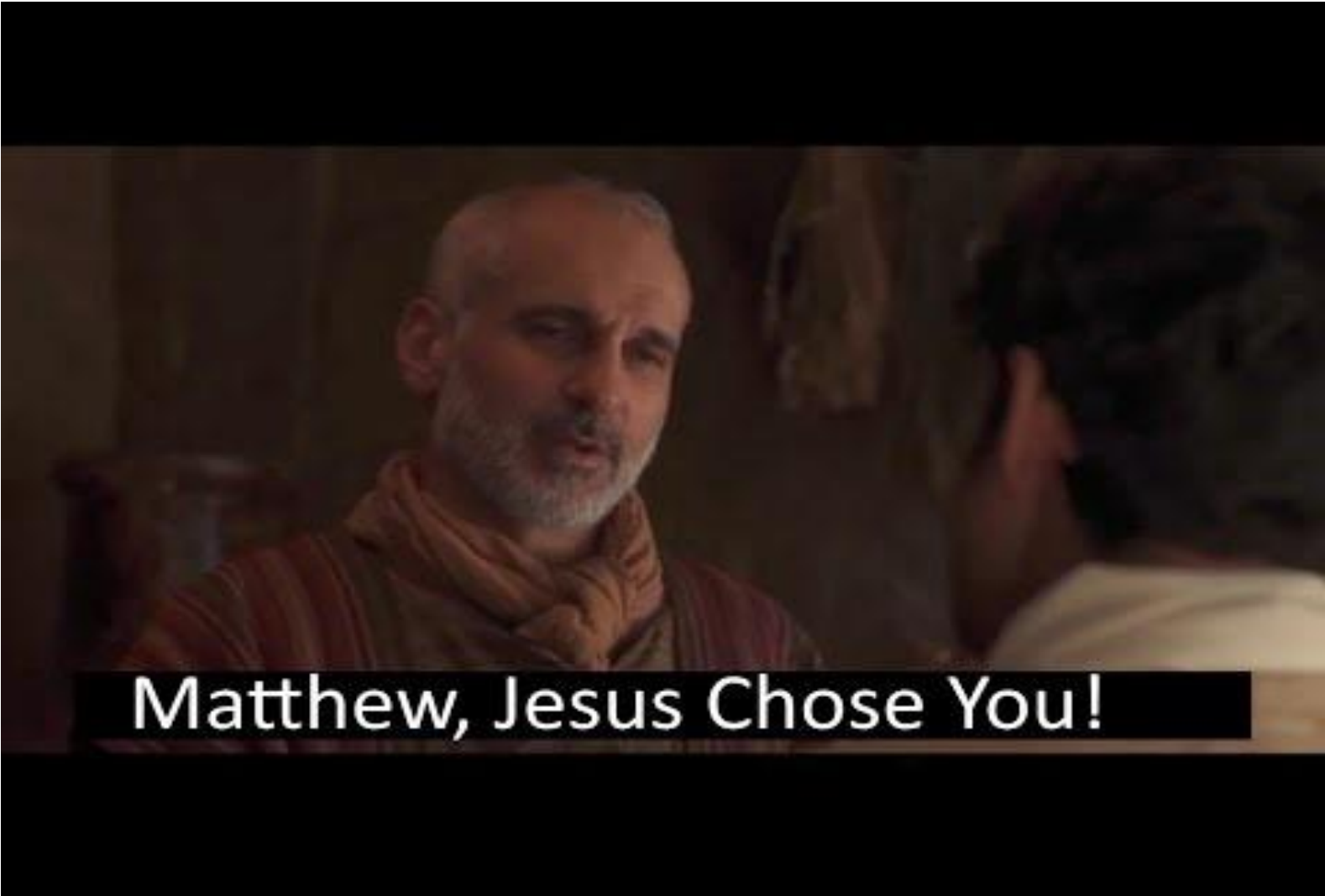


# Reconciled & Reconcilers

- Eph. 2:4-5; 12-16 But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved.
- 12 Remember that at that time you [speaking to Gentile here] were separate from Christ, excluded from citizenship in Israel and foreigners to the covenants of the promise, without hope and without God in the world. 13 But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far away have been brought near by the blood of Christ.
- 14 For he himself is our peace, who has made the two groups one and has destroyed the barrier, the dividing wall of hostility, 15 by setting aside in his flesh the law with its commands and regulations. His purpose was to create in himself one new humanity out of the two, thus making peace, 16 and in one body to reconcile both of them to God through the cross, by which he put to death their hostility.

II Cor. 5: 17 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!  
18 All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: 19 that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. 20 We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God.

A still from a film showing a man with a beard and a woman in a dimly lit room. The man is in the foreground, looking slightly to the right. The woman is in the background, looking towards the man. The scene is set in a rustic, possibly biblical, environment.

Matthew, Jesus Chose You!