



**The Salvation of a Great Sinner**  
**Luke 5:27-32**

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Real change happens in the lives of true followers of Jesus. Because we have corrupt and sinful natures, we cannot change ourselves. But Jesus can make us better humans because He gives us new hearts.

Levi was a great sinner. He was a despised and sinful tax collector. When he became a follower of Jesus, his name was changed to Matthew, which means “gift of God.” He also authored the first Gospel of the New Testament, which bears his new name—Matthew.

In our text, Jesus called Levi the tax collector to follow Him, and leaving everything, he rose and followed Him.

**Main Thought...**

- ➔ Only Jesus can give a great sinner a \_\_\_\_\_ heart.
- Great sinners can be \_\_\_\_\_ saved by Jesus (v. 27-28).**
    - They more easily \_\_\_\_\_ their need (v. 27).
    - They are more often \_\_\_\_\_ for change (v. 28).

Lk. 18:11-14; 2 Cor. 5:17; Ezek. 36:26-27
  - Great sinners can \_\_\_\_\_ others for Jesus (v. 29).**

Mk. 5:19-20; Jn. 4:28-29, 39
  - Great sinners are the \_\_\_\_\_ for Jesus (v. 30-31).**

Lk. 19:10; 1 Tim. 1:15
  - Great sinners are called to \_\_\_\_\_ by Jesus (v. 32).**

Mt. 3:1-2; 4:17; Acts 2:38; 3:19

**Final Thoughts...**

- ➔ Would you like to \_\_\_\_\_ a new heart today?
- ➔ Would you like to \_\_\_\_\_ and believe in Jesus?