



THE GOSPEL OF
MATTHEW



Mercy, not Sacrifice

Matthew 27:57-66 | ESV



Matthew 9: 9-13

⁹ As Jesus passed on from there, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth, and he said to him, “Follow me.” And he rose and followed him. ¹⁰ And as Jesus reclined at table in the house, behold, many tax collectors and sinners came and were reclining with Jesus and his disciples.



¹¹ And when the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, “Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?” ¹² But when he heard it, he said, “Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. ¹³ Go and learn what this means: ‘I desire mercy, and not sacrifice.’ For I came not to call the righteous, but sinners.”



Luke 5: 27-32

27 After this he went out and saw a tax collector named Levi (MATTHEW), sitting at the tax booth. And he said to him, “Follow me.” **28** And leaving everything, he rose and followed him. **29** And Levi made him a great feast in his house, and there was a large company of tax collectors and others reclining at table with them.



30 And the Pharisees and their scribes grumbled at his disciples, saying, “Why do you eat and drink with tax collectors and sinners?” **31** And Jesus answered them, “Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. **32** I have not come to call the righteous but sinners to repentance.”



Matthew 9:23-24

23 And Jesus said to his disciples, “Truly, I say to you, only with difficulty will a rich person enter the kingdom of heaven. **24** Again I tell you, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to enter the kingdom of God.”



Another significant mercy easy to overlook...

Joseph rolled a stone in front of the tomb.

“Mary Magdalene and the other Mary were there,
sitting opposite the tomb.” v61



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Matthew 27: 62-66

⁶² The next day, that is, after the day of Preparation, the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered before Pilate ⁶³ and said, “Sir, we remember how that impostor said, while he was still alive, ‘After three days I will rise.’ ⁶⁴ Therefore order the tomb to be made secure until the



third day, lest his disciples go and steal him away and tell the people, 'He has risen from the dead,' and the last fraud will be worse than the first." ⁶⁵ Pilate said to them, "You have a guard of soldiers. Go, make it as secure as you can." ⁶⁶ So they went and made the tomb secure by sealing the stone and setting a guard.



Conclusion and Challenge

Do I have a mercy that flows from faith
like Matthew and Joseph?

OR

Do I exercise self-protection that
flows from unbelief?



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