

"Jesus Says"
Matt 9:9-13

As Jesus went on from there, He saw a man called Matthew, sitting in the tax collector's booth; and He said to him, **"Follow Me!" And he got up and followed Him.** Then it happened that as Jesus was reclining at the table in the house, behold, many tax collectors and sinners came and were dining with Jesus and His disciples. When the Pharisees saw this, they said to His disciples, "Why is your Teacher eating with the tax collectors and sinners?" But when Jesus heard this, He said, **"It is not those who are healthy who need a physician, but those who are sick.** "But **go and learn** what this means: **' I DESIRE COMPASSION, AND NOT SACRIFICE,'** for I did not come to call the righteous, but sinners."

- Within every crowd surrounding Jesus were His core followers
- Within every crowd surrounding Jesus were His curious followers.
- Within every crowd surrounding Jesus were His cynical followers.

I. The Tax Collector was compliant with Jesus invitation. (V.9-10)

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1. Matthew walked away from his post as a tax collector. (v.9b)

Jesus said to Matthew, **"Follow Me!" And he got up and followed Him.**

2. Matthew wanted Jesus to party at his home. (v.10a)

"Then it happened that ... **Jesus was reclining at the table** in the house of Matthew..."

3. Matthew welcomed his peers to a meet Jesus. (v.10b)

Behold, many **tax collectors and sinners came** and **were dining with Jesus** and His disciples.

II. The Critics were confused with Jesus invitation to Matthew. (v.11)

When the Pharisees saw this, they said to His disciples, **"Why is your Teacher eating with the tax collectors and sinners?"**

1. The critics knew Matthew didn't **believe** the right things.
 2. The critics knew Matthew didn't **behave** the right way.
 3. The critics knew Matthew didn't **belong** with these righteous people.
- III. Christ was **comfortable** with His invitation to Matthew.
(V.12-13)

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1. Jesus came for those who are **sick**. (v.12)

"It is not those who are healthy who need a physician, but those who are sick."

2. Jesus came for those who need a **Savior**. (v.13a)

"But ***go and learn*** what this means: ***' I DESIRE COMPASSION, AND NOT SACRIFICE,'***

3. Jesus came for those who are **sinner**s. (v.13b)

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