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HOME CHURCH
Know God. 'Listen' To God. Unite For God.



SERMON #24

MATTHEW

MATTHEW 9:9–13

From Money to Messiah: A Life Transformed

WHO WAS MATTHEW?

FIXATED ON MONEY
He was entirely obsessed with money and even betrayed people for profit.

INTELLIGENT & CALCULATIVE
Very smart, saw no faith in his people, and weighed his options carefully.

A MAN OF CONFLICT
Saw truth and order with the Romans, yet greater corruption in the Pharisees and Sadducees.

A MIXED HEART
He believed in God, but not in the righteousness of his generation.

REPENTANT IN PRIVATE
He confessed his sins to God nightly, preparing his heart for repentance.

SELF-PRESERVATION
He chose to be a tax collector, believing self-care was his best option in a community that did not value or accept him.

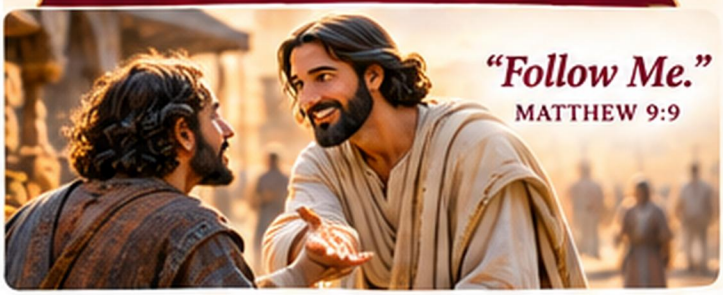
POWER & CONSEQUENCES
He oversaw repossession, reported those who could not pay, and was indirectly involved in imprisonments and executions.

HOW HE SAW HIMSELF
Sick, stuck, smart, and worthy of a better life; he could be trusted by the Romans, but not by his own people.

WHAT THE LORD SAW

- A man with great intellect and influence.
- Hated by many, yet loved by Romans and other sinners.
- A heart that still loved God.
- A bridge to both Jew and Gentile.
- A man not overly attached to family or friends, free to leave everything and follow Him.
- A man who could be made into a people for God's own possession.

THE TURNING POINT



THE RESULT

- Matthew left it all and followed Yeshua.
- He documented — generation by generation — the prophecy and the coming of Messiah.
- He wrote what is often the most widely read book in the New Testament.
- He lived a transformed life, from sin to righteousness, by faith in the Lord.

THE TAKEAWAY

Matthew fulfilled a faith-driven life transformed from sin to righteousness in his walk with the Lord.