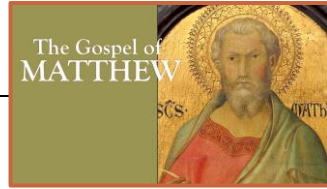


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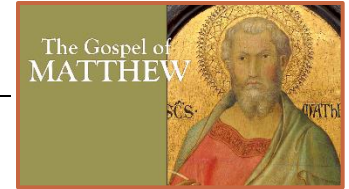


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Suggested Study Questions*
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- If you could throw a dinner party and invite anyone you wanted, who would you put on your guest list? Why them?
- *Read Matthew 9:9–17.* Who are the different individuals and groups in these two scenes? What might each think about the others?
- What do you know about the role of tax collectors in the Jewish community in the time of Jesus? What makes Matthew a surprising choice for Jesus' invitation? What risks does Matthew take in order to follow Jesus?
- What prompts the Pharisees to ask their question of Jesus' disciples? What does Jesus' response reveal about who he is and what he is doing?
- What prompts the disciples of John the Baptist to ask their question of Jesus? What does Jesus' response reveal about who he is and what he is doing?
- How can Jesus' metaphor of new wine and wineskins apply to what he is doing in the Church in our day? Where do you see evidence of this?
- With whom do you most relate: the irreligious at the dinner party, or the religious who question Jesus? How does Jesus' reply to that group encourage or challenge you?
- Who are the "sick" or the sinners that Jesus is calling today? How can the church show them the mercy of God in practical ways? How can you and/or your small group be a part of that work this month?