



Sunday, June 19, 2022

Alta Vista Baptist Church



“As Jesus went on from there, he saw a man named Matthew sitting at the tax collector’s booth. “Follow me,” he told him, and Matthew got up and followed him.” – Matthew 9:9

The **CHOSEN** <https://watch.angelstudios.com/thechosen>

1) Who Is Matthew? (Matthew 9:9-13)

- Calling of Matthew by Jesus – Mark 2:13-17/Luke 5:27-32
- Lists of Disciples – Matthew 10:3/Mark 3:18/Luke 16:15/Acts 1:13
- Grouped with other Disciples – Matthew 14:13-21, Luke 24:36-52

“...While they were eating, Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, “Take and eat; this is my body.” Then he took a cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, “Drink from it, all of you...” – Matthew 26:17-20

2) Two Words That Will Change Your Life:

“ _____ ” (Matthew 9:9)

“After this, Jesus went out and saw a tax collector by the name of Levi sitting at his tax booth. “Follow me,” Jesus said to him, and Levi got up, left everything and followed him.” – Luke 5:27-28

- Matthew’s call was NOT POPULAR (Romans 15:7)
- Matthew’s call was RISKY
 - Call of Peter & Andrew, and James & John (Matthew 4:18-22)
- Matthew’s response was IMMEDIATE

3) What Do We Learn From Matthew’s Call?

- Jesus _____ sinners
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“Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.” – Matthew 11:28-30



DIGGING DEEPER

(For use in personal/family devotions or with your care group)

- Q1:** Have you ever started a deep friendship as quickly as Jesus and Matthew? Explain.
- Q2:** In a few short sentences, share your story of coming to follow Jesus.
- Q3:** Read Romans 8:28. How does the account of Matthew’s call to follow Jesus remind you of your own call to follow Him?
- Q4:** What two words have changed your life?
- Q5:** How might Jesus’ call to Matthew give us hope for unbelievers we know who seem unreachable with the gospel?
- Q6:** Read Matthew 9:13. What does Jesus mean when he says, “I desire mercy, not sacrifice?” How have you been showing this to others lately?
- Q7:** Read 1 Timothy 1:15-16 & 1 Peter 5:10. In what ways have you seen the fullness of Jesus’ forgiveness and restoration in your life lately?