

The 12 Who Walked with Jesus: Matthew

Matthew 9:9-13

I. The **man** before Christ

- Like all the other disciples, except for Judas Iscariot, we find Matthew living in **Galilee**, specifically the town of **Capernaum**

- God loves to take **ordinary** people to use for His glory in extraordinary ways!

- “Matthew” is his **Greek** name; other Gospel writers call him **Levi**

- He was known to be a **tax collector** by vocation

II. The **meeting** with Christ

- The Lord meets us **where we are** in life!

- God can **transform** even the worst of sinners

- Matthew was **ripe** and **ready** to meet Messiah

“But you must continue in the things which you have learned and been assured of, knowing from whom you have learned them, and that from childhood you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.” – 2 Tim. 3:14-15

- We see his **courage** in following Christ
- We see **criticism** from those who don't understand
- We see his **evangelistic zeal** for his friends

III. The **message** *about* Christ

- His Gospel is a **Christological** masterpiece
- He is writing a **Jewish** audience to prove that Jesus Christ is **Messiah**
- God can **save** anybody
- The Lord can **transform** the worst of sinful men