

Sermon Notes: The Calling of Matthew

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Have you ever felt out of place somewhere?

Matthew 9:9–17 ⁹As 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. ¹⁰Then 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. ¹¹When the Pharisees saw *this*, they said to His disciples, “Why is your Teacher eating with the tax collectors and sinners?” ¹²But when Jesus heard *this*, He said, “*It is not* those who are healthy who need a physician, but those who are sick. ¹³“But go and learn what this means: ‘I desire compassion, and not sacrifice,’ for I did not come to call the righteous, but sinners.” ¹⁴Then the disciples of John came to Him, asking, “Why do we and the Pharisees fast, but Your disciples do not fast?” ¹⁵And Jesus said to them, “The attendants of the bridegroom cannot mourn as long as the bridegroom is with them, can they? But the days will come when the bridegroom is taken away from them, and then they will fast. ¹⁶“But no one puts a patch of unshrunk cloth on an old garment; for the patch pulls away from the garment, and a worse tear results. ¹⁷“Nor do *people* put new wine into old wineskins; otherwise the wineskins burst, and the wine pours out and the wineskins are ruined; but they put new wine into fresh wineskins, and both are preserved.”

Notes on the passage:

The Main point of the passage is: The _____ is preeminent over the Physical .

Why was Matthew so quick to defend the outcast?

How has Matthew already defended the outcast already in his Gospel?

A seat at God's table isn't earned it's offered. Everyone at God's table was offered a spot they didn't deserve.

Romans 3:10 (NASB95) ¹⁰as it is written, "There is none righteous, not even one;

Romans 3:23 (NASB95) ²³for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,

Jesus' mission wasn't to throw a party for the _____ in society. _____ is sinful. _____ is broken. _____ needs saving. He came for sinners.

What roused the Son of God to leave Heaven? _____ was stalking His children.

Only those that realize they are _____ go to the _____.

Matthew 22:1-14 Jesus spoke to them again in parables, saying, ²"The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding feast for his son. ³"And he sent out his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding feast, and they were unwilling to come. ⁴"Again he sent out other slaves saying, 'Tell those who have been invited, "Behold, I have prepared my dinner; my oxen and my fattened livestock are *all* butchered and everything is ready; come to the wedding feast.'" ⁵"But they paid no attention and went their way, one to his own farm, another to his business, ⁶and the rest seized his slaves and mistreated them and killed them. ⁷"But the king was enraged, and he sent his armies and destroyed those murderers and set their city on fire. ⁸"Then he said to his slaves, 'The wedding is ready, but those who were invited were not worthy. ⁹'Go therefore to the main highways, and as many as you find *there*, invite to the wedding feast.' ¹⁰"Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered together all they found, both evil and good; and the wedding hall was filled with dinner guests. ¹¹"But when the king came in to look over the dinner guests, he saw a man there who was not dressed in wedding clothes, ¹²and he said to him, 'Friend, how did you come in here without wedding clothes?' And the man was speechless. ¹³"Then the king said to the servants, 'Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness; in that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' ¹⁴"For many are called, but few *are* chosen."

The three requirements for enjoying the feast with the king are:

1. They need an _____
2. They need to _____ the invitation and _____
3. They need to be dressed in the proper _____.

What do these represent in the parable?

Common errors regarding who is allowed at God's table are:

1. Not everyone's _____
2. Everyone's invited and everyone will be _____ automatically
3. As long as you _____ you are accepted

How do these errors manifest themselves?

In order to be healed, you must be allowed _____ to the physician, you must go to the physician, and you must not _____ the physician's recommendations to be healed.

What good is a doctor you can't see? What good is access if you never go to the doctor? What good is the doctor's office if you don't listen and comply?

You must have access to God-_____, you must go to Him for healing- faith , and approach in the right manner-_____ .

To deny that:

1. Everyone is invited is to deny God's Mercy
2. Some will not accept the invitation is to deny our Will and that we are Sick
3. Some will come inappropriately is to deny our Sickness and God's offer- salvation by grace through faith

Who can come to our services? How can they come? How long can they stay?

What do they need in order to become one of us?

We are a people _____. You can't be one of us without accepting that transformation.

What was Jesus' strategy with calling Matthew?

Who do you know or who could you know that would be like a Matthew?