

Matthew 9:9-10 (NKJV)

⁹ As Jesus passed on from there, He saw a man named Matthew sitting at the tax office. And He said to him, "Follow Me." So he arose and followed Him.¹⁰ Now it happened, as Jesus sat at the table in the house, that behold, many tax collectors and sinners came and sat down with Him and His disciples.

Matthew 9:11 (NKJV)

¹¹ And when the Pharisees saw it, they said to His disciples, "Why does your Teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?"

Matthew 9:12-13 (NKJV)

¹² When Jesus heard that, He said to them, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. ¹³ But go and learn what this means: 'I desire mercy and not sacrifice.' For I did not come to call the righteous, but sinners, to repentance."

1) Jesus came for Matthew









A Jew who accepted such an office *shamed his family and friends* and was *excommunicated from the synagogue*.

2) Jesus Came for Matthew's Friends

Matthew 9:10 NKJV

¹⁰ Now it happened, as Jesus sat at the table in the house, that behold, many tax collectors and sinners came and sat down with Him and His disciples. **Life Application New Testament Commentary.**

According to the Pharisees, contact with these scum makes a Jew unclean; to sit and eat with such people was particularly heinous. But Jesus stooped to the level of the poor, unlearned, common people-even sinners!

3) JESUS CAME FOR YOU AND ME

Matthew 9:13 NKJV

¹³ But go and learn what this means: 'I desire mercy and not sacrifice.' For I did not come to call the righteous, but sinners, to repentance."

1 Corinthians 6:9-10 (NLT)

⁹ Don't you realize that those who do wrong will not inherit the Kingdom of **God? Don't fool yourselves. Those** who indulge in sexual sin, or who worship idols, or commit adultery, or are male prostitutes, or practice homosexuality, ¹⁰ or are thieves, or greedy people, or drunkards, or are abusive, or cheat people—none of these will inherit the Kingdom of God.

1 Corinthians 6:11 (NLT)

¹¹ Some of you were once like that. But you were cleansed; you were made holy; you were made right with God by calling on the name of the Lord Jesus **Christ and by the Spirit of our** God.

Romans 3:10 (NKJV)

...*there's NONE righteous,* no not one.

Romans 3:23 (NKJV)

²³ for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,

John 3:16 (NLT)

¹⁶ "For God loved the world so much that he gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life

John 3:16 (MSG)

¹⁶ "This is how much God loved the world: He gave his Son, his one and only Son. And this is why: so that no one need be destroyed; by believing in him, anyone can have a whole and lasting life.



