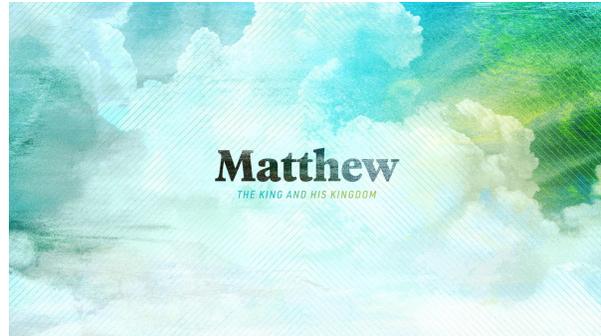


Matthew 9:9-17

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SERMON NOTES

Matthew

The King and His Kingdom

Two Words that Can Change Your World

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1. "Follow me" begins with Jesus. (v. 9)
2. "Follow me" is a summons to sinners who know they need grace and mercy. (v. 10-13)
3. "Follow me" is the call to a joy-filled life of feasting in the presence of Jesus! (v. 14-17)

"Our Christian life began not with our decision to follow Christ but with God's call to us to do so. He took the initiative in His grace while we were still in rebellion and sin. In that state we neither wanted to turn from sin to Christ, nor were we able to. But He came to us and called us to freedom."

- John Stott

"In the kingdom of God, the one thing that qualifies you is knowing that you don't qualify, and the one thing that disqualifies you is thinking that you do."

- Dane Ortlund, *Surprised by Jesus*

"In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins."

- 1 John 4:10

"But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us."

- Romans 5:8

"It is a trustworthy statement, deserving full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, among whom I am foremost of all."

- 1 Timothy 1:15

“For if our Physician is almighty, our disease cannot be desperate, and if He casts none out that come to Him, why should you fear? Our sins are many, but His mercies are more; our sins are great, but His righteousness is greater; we are weak, but He is power. Most of our complaints are owing to unbelief, and the remainder of a legal spirit.”

- John Newton, *The Works of John Newton*