

# The Calling of Matthew



Complete the paragraph by filling in the blanks with the correct words from the word bank at the bottom of the story.

As Jesus went on from there, he saw a man named \_\_\_\_\_ sitting at the tax collector's booth. " \_\_\_\_\_ me," he told him, and Matthew got up and followed him.

While Jesus was having \_\_\_\_\_ at Matthew's house, many \_\_\_\_\_ and " \_\_\_\_\_ " came and ate with him and his disciples. When the Pharisees saw this, they asked his disciples, "Why does your \_\_\_\_\_ eat with tax collectors and 'sinners'?"

On hearing this, Jesus said, "It is not the \_\_\_\_\_ who need a \_\_\_\_\_, but the \_\_\_\_\_. But go and learn what this means: 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners."

Matthew 9:10-13 (NIV)

collectors  
dinner

doctor  
Follow

healthy  
Matthew

sick  
sinners

teacher  
tax