



As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man named Matthew sitting at his tax collector's booth. –Matthew 9:9

“Follow me and be my disciple,” Jesus said to him. So Matthew got up and followed him. –Matthew 9:9

Jesus never asked anybody to become theologians or scholars. He never asked anybody to become a missionary or even more religious. He simply asked us to follow him.

Later, Matthew invited Jesus and his disciples to his home as dinner guests, along with many tax collectors and other disreputable sinners. –Matthew 9:10

Jesus did come to the world to shame anyone. Jesus came to the world to save everyone.

But when the Pharisees saw this, they asked his disciples, “Why does your teacher eat with such scum?” –Matthew 9:11

God has a habit of picking up nobodies and making them somebodies.

When Jesus heard this, he said, “Healthy people don’t need a doctor—sick people do.” –Matthew 9:12

You don’t realize Jesus is all you need until Jesus is all you have. #TimKeller

Then he added, “Now go and learn the meaning of this Scripture: ‘I want you to show mercy, not offer sacrifices.’ For I have come to call not those who think they are righteous, but those who know they are sinners.” –Matthew 9:13

If we only do what we are familiar with, we might miss what we are made for.