



The Tax Collector

Matthew 9:9-13

- Tax collectors were despised in Jesus' day
- Matthew was ostracized from society
- Jesus saw the man, not the tax collector
- Matthew left all but his pen to follow Jesus
- He introduced his friends to Jesus
- The Pharisees were quick to criticize Jesus
- Jesus is the friend of sinners
- We must hate sin, but love the sinner
- We are accepted in the Beloved
- God wants to show mercy to sinners