

LO: talk about the people Jesus chose to change the world and why, as we can read in the Gospel.

Think of 12 people (or jobs) to change the world: who would you choose and why?

- ▶ E.g. nurse (takes care of people when they are ill), teacher (educates children), politician



The New Testament describes the 12 people Jesus chose. They were:

Simon Peter

James (Son of Zebedee)

John (Son of Zebedee)

Andrew

Philip

Bartholomew

Matthew

Thomas

James (Son of Alphaeus)

Thaddaeus

Simon

Judas Iscariot

They were not necessarily the kinds of people you might expect. Today we are going to talk about **Matthew's story**.

The Story of Matthew the tax collector (Matthew 9:9-13)

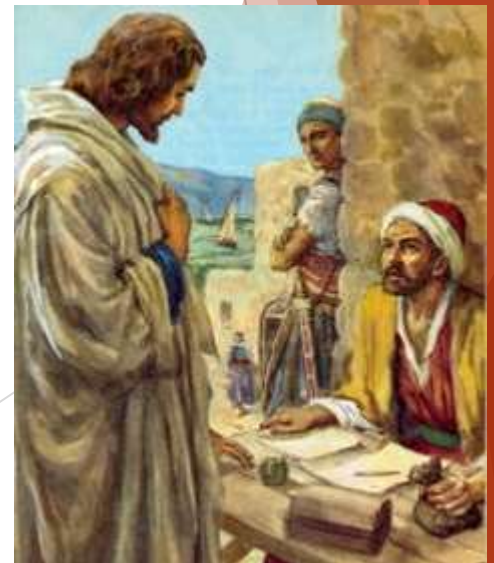
A video version (American):

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xgy6TWuUkK0>

As Jesus walked, he saw a man named Matthew sitting at the tax collector's booth. "Follow me," he told him, and Matthew got up and followed him.

While Jesus was having dinner at Matthew's house, many tax collectors and sinners came and ate with him and his disciples.

Tax collectors were often hated and seen as bad in these times.



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When the leaders saw this, they asked his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?"

On hearing this, Jesus said, "**It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick.** Go and learn what this means: 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners."

Why did Jesus sit with the sinners?

Why did Jesus choose Matthew to be his disciple do you think?



SOME KEY QUESTIONS

- ▶ Why did Jesus sit with the tax collectors?
- ▶ Why were the leaders cross?
- ▶ What did Jesus say to them?
- ▶ What do you think he meant?
- ▶ Why did he choose Matthew to be a disciple?



Activities to do in your book

1. Act out the story and think about what it means.
2. Draw a picture to illustrate the story:
 - ▶ show Jesus sitting with the friendless tax collectors even when the leaders complained.
 - ▶ Write speech bubbles to share what they said. Make sure you include what Jesus said to the leaders.
 - ▶ Underneath your picture, write sentences to tell me how Jesus was a friend to the friendless.
 - ▶ Answer this question: what was the good news that Jesus shared that day?