

Scripture

Matthew 9:9-13,18-26 (NLT)

Jesus Calls Matthew

- 9 As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man named Matthew sitting at his tax collector's booth. "Follow me and be my disciple," Jesus said to him. So Matthew got up and followed him.
- 10 Later, Matthew invited Jesus and his disciples to his home as dinner guests, along with many tax collectors and other disreputable sinners.

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

12 When Jesus heard this, he said, “Healthy people don’t need a doctor – sick people do.” 13 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.”

Jesus Heals in Response to Faith

- 18** As Jesus was saying this, the leader of a synagogue came and knelt before him. “My daughter has just died,” he said, “but you can bring her back to life again if you just come and lay your hand on her.”
- 19** So Jesus and his disciples got up and went with him. **20** Just then a woman who had suffered for twelve years with constant bleeding came up behind him. She touched the fringe of his robe, **21** for she thought, “If I can just touch his robe, I will be healed.”

22 Jesus turned around, and when he saw her he said, “**Daughter, be encouraged! Your faith has made you well.**” And the woman was healed at that moment.

23 When Jesus arrived at the official’s home, he saw the noisy crowd and heard the funeral music. **24** “**Get out!**” he told them. “**The girl isn’t dead; she’s only asleep.**” But the crowd laughed at him. **25** After the crowd was put outside, however, Jesus went in and took the girl by the hand, and she stood up! **26** The report of this miracle swept through the entire countryside.