

CHANGED LIVES

Lesson 3

Matthew:

Matthew 9:9-13

Luke 5:27-32

Matthew 10:2-4

Mark 3:13-19

Luke 6:12-16

Acts 1:12-14

Acts 2:1-13

Did you notice:

**Matthew: Gift of God
Levi: Joined in harmony**

Matthew 9:9-13 Matthew was a tax collector, working for the Romans. He lived in Capernaum. Raised to believe that the Jews were God's people and the Messiah would come and deliver them; he had accepted a position working for an imperial force who occupied the land.

Matthew gave up his position and security for a life of uncertainty and poverty in following Jesus. Jesus invited his friends to come and meet Jesus before he left the area as one of Jesus' disciples.

Luke 5:27-32 Tax collectors were to pay the taxes in advance for the area that they were given. They would then collect from the people to reimburse themselves and prepare for the next tax period. Matthew had not only given up "future income" but also reimbursement for money already spent.

Matthew 10:2-4 Matthew was one of twelve chosen by Jesus and given authority to drive out evil spirits and heal every disease and sickness.

Mark 3:13-19 The 12 were to go out and preach. When they returned, Jesus would talk with them and they would continue in ministry together.

Luke 6:12-16

Acts 1:12-14 Eyewitness of that Jesus was alive and of Jesus' ascension to heaven. He joined with the others in prayer awaiting the "baptism of the Holy Spirit".

Acts 2:1-13 "Baptized with the Holy Spirit", he joined the other disciples speaking tongues on Pentecost.

Church "tradition" states that Matthew continued to preach in Judah and would eventually head to Ethiopia and preach the gospel. It is believed that he died as a martyr; being put to death by a spear or pole.

Gospel of Matthew was probably the first one written. It was directed to Jews, showing that Jesus was the Messiah and fulfilled the prophecies. It was probably written within 20 years of Jesus' ascension.

What Lessons can you learn for your personal walk with Jesus?

What lessons can the church learn about how they can serve and function?