

Matthew – the Apostle Who Wrote a Great Testimony of Jesus

From the Teachings of Jesus on the Mount

"No man can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and Mammon."

Matthew 6:24

Jesus Calls Matthew

"And as Jesus passed forth from thence, he saw a man named Matthew, sitting at the place where they received tribute, as was customary in those days, and he said unto him, Follow me. And he arose and followed him."

Matthew 9:10

Also Known as Levi (and a brother of James, the Less)

"And as he passed by, he saw Levi the son of Alpheus, sitting at the place where they receive tribute, as was customary in those days, and he said unto him, Follow me; and he arose and followed him."

Mark 2:11

More of the Story

Read Matthew 9:1 - 10

"And after these things he went forth, and saw a publican, named Levi, sitting at the place where they received custom; and he said unto him, Follow me. And he left all, rose up, and followed him.

And Levi made him a great feast, in his own house; and there was a great company of publicans, and of others, that sat down with them. But the scribes and Pharisees murmured against his disciples, saying, Why do ye eat and drink with publicans and sinners?

Jesus answering, said unto them, They that are whole need not a physician; but they that are sick.

I came not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance."

Luke 5:27 - 32

Matthew 9:11 – 14 see also Luke 5:18 – 26

Listed Among the Twelve

"Now the names of the twelve apostles are these; the first Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother; James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother; Philip, and Bartholomew; Thomas, and *Matthew the publican*; James the son of Alpheus; and Lebbeus, whose surname was Thaddeus; Simon the Canaanite; and Judas Iscariot, who also betrayed him."

Matthew 10:2

Mark 3:14 Luke 6:14 – 16

In the Upper Room

Acts 1:13 - 26

The Twelve Apostles

Pentecost

Acts 2:1 - 6

The Testimony of Matthew

Written sometime before 70 AD when the Romans destroyed the temple in Jerusalem

Written to the Jews of Judea

Jesus is the Messiah The Early Days of the Messiah Chapters 1 – 4:15

The Signs and Words of the Messiah Chapters 4:16 – 16:21

The Passion of the Messiah Chapters 16:22 – 28:19

The Death of Matthew

Early church writers say that Matthew was martyred by the sword in Ethiopia.