



Daily Reflections

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Scripture

Matthew 9: 9-13

As Jesus passed by,
he saw a man named Matthew sitting at the customs post.
He said to him, "Follow me."
And he got up and followed him.
While he was at table in his house,
many tax collectors and sinners came
and sat with Jesus and his disciples.
The Pharisees saw this and said to his disciples,
"Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?"
He heard this and said,
"Those who are well do not need a physician, but the sick do.
Go and learn the meaning of the words,
I desire mercy, not sacrifice.
I did not come to call the righteous but sinners."

Our Scripture Reflection

How sick the religious leaders were! They were sick not from some medical condition, but rather, from hypocrisy. They were so quick to throw stones at Jesus' newest disciple, Matthew, that they had failed to take the time to look "under the hood" of their own pathetic lives.

Food for your Journey

Someone confessed the problem he was having in getting people to forget his personal problems: "It's hard to bury your past when everybody's got a shovel."

A Prayer from the Heart

Dear Jesus, Save me from the sin of hypocrisy. Help me to become humble and to live what I believe. Amen.