

**Valley Bible Church
Sermon Notes for June 2, 1985**

**Christ Came for Sinners
Part 1
Matthew 9:9-17
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1. Who Came:

Matthew (Gift of Jehovah) whose real name was Levi, but was called Matthew. Matthew was a tax collector, so he was an educated man, ambitious. The Roman tax system was corrupt, despised by the Jews.

Matthew had position, money, power. Was he happy, complete?

Jesus says to him, "Follow Me." He leaves all he has and follows.

2. Why He Came:

Matthew was climbing up the ladder of success: position, money, power.

Jesus tells the Pharisees, "It is not those who are healthy who need a physician." Don't judge the sick but have compassion be the physician.

Matthew chose to follow Jesus because he recognized he needed to be healed.

3. What He Came To:

Matthew came to life. Christ is life.

We are the physicians.