

# Matthew (Levi)

The Twelve · The Twelve Apostles

A publican (tax collector) called from the receipt of custom, Matthew left all to follow Christ. His occupation, despised by fellow Jews as collaboration with Rome, made his calling a demonstration of grace. His Gospel presents Christ as King of Israel.

**Note:** Matthew's detailed attention to financial matters and numerical precision in his Gospel reflects his accounting background. His great feast for Christ (Luke 5:29) demonstrated both his wealth and his desire to introduce his former associates to the Savior.

## Key Verses

### **Matthew 9:9**

And as Jesus passed forth from thence, he saw a man, named Matthew, sitting at the receipt of custom: and he saith unto him, Follow me. And he arose, and followed him.

### **Mark 2:14**

And as he passed by, he saw Levi the son of Alphaeus sitting at the receipt of custom, and said unto him, Follow me. And he arose and followed him.

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