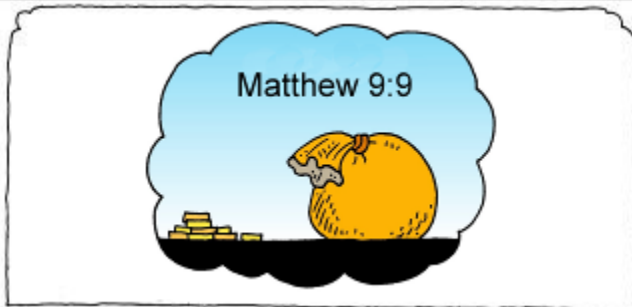


MATTHEW follows Jesus

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This is how Matthew became a helper or disciple of Jesus. Matthew had to make a choice. Did he love his money more than he loved Jesus?



Matthew had an important job collecting money for the king. He was called a Tax Collector. People didn't like paying him money



Matthew was clever and he was rich. But being very clever and being very rich didn't make Matthew happy.



One day Matthew saw Jesus walking along the road. Jesus made sick people better and told stories about God.



Jesus saw Matthew working at his table. He come right over to talk to him. "Matthew, come and follow me." Jesus said. Matthew was so surprised!



What would Matthew do? Would he leave his money? Would he leave his job to follow Jesus?



Matthew got up straight away and followed Jesus. He became one of Jesus helpers. Following Jesus made Matthew very happy.



Matthew wrote down many things he saw Jesus do and heard him say. His words are in the Bible in the book of Matthew.