

Dinner with Sinners

BASED ON MATTHEW 9:9-13; 12:9-14

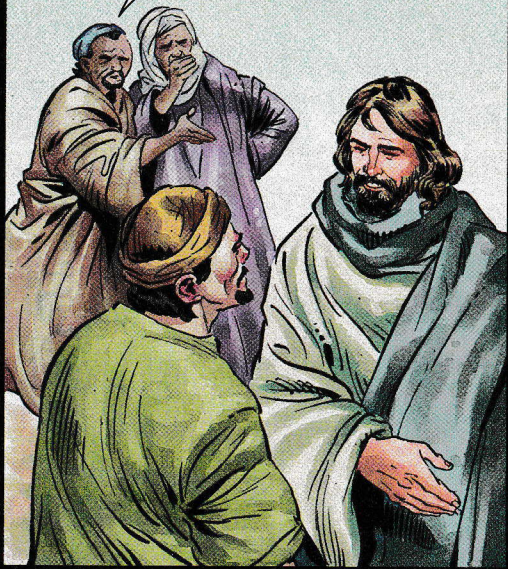
THE JEWS HATE THE TAX COLLECTORS. ALTHOUGH THEY ARE ALSO JEWS, TAX COLLECTORS WORK FOR THE ROMANS, AND THEY CHEAT THEIR FELLOW JEWS OUT OF MONEY. BUT JESUS DOESN'T CARE WHAT THE PEOPLE THINK. HE LOVES EVEN THE TAX COLLECTORS. ONE DAY IN CAPERNAUM, JESUS LOOKS INTO THE EYES OF A HATED TAX COLLECTOR ...



MATTHEW, COME AND FOLLOW ME.

IMMEDIATELY MATTHEW GIVES UP HIS PROSPEROUS—BUT CORRUPT—JOB AND FOLLOWS JESUS.

NO GOOD JEW EVER WANTED MATTHEW FOR A FRIEND.

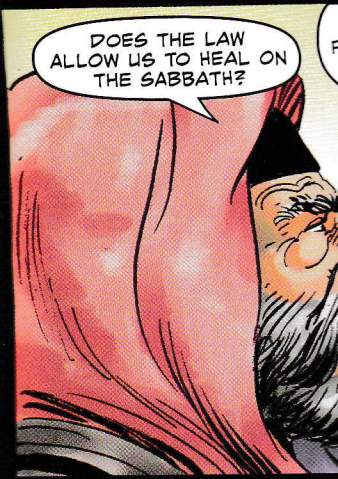


MATTHEW THROWS A DINNER PARTY TO HONOR JESUS. OTHER TAX COLLECTORS COME TO DINNER TOO. THE PHARISEES SEE THE WITH DISAPPROVAL.

WHY DOES YOUR TEACHER EAT WITH TAX COLLECTORS AND OTHER SINNERS?



DOES THE LAW ALLOW US TO HEAL ON THE SABBATH?



PEOPLE WHO ARE HEALTHY DON'T NEED A DOCTOR. SICK PEOPLE DO. THE SINNERS ARE THE ONES WHO NEED ME.



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by Sergio Cariello

WE HAVE TO FIND A WAY TO KILL THAT MAN.

