

The Apostle Matthew

Text: Luke 5:27-32

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- Today, our goal is to do a character sketch of the apostle Matthew.
- Not much is mentioned about him in the Scriptures, besides his being in the list of the apostles (Matt. 10, Mark 3 and Luke 6), his call (Matt. 9, Mark 2, and Luke 5) and his presence in Jerusalem in Acts 1 as the Pentecost feast was approaching.
- May have had a brother who was an apostle.

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- Following Acts 1, he is never mentioned again in the Bible and basically goes into obscurity. We can however, learn a great deal about Matthew from the previous passages and through the gospel he wrote. You can tell a lot about a man through what he writes.
- Let's examine Matthew today.

The Apostle Matthew

- *The Apostle Matthew was a.....*

MAN OF STRUCTURE

- Intelligent and very organized.
- This makes sense when you consider that he was a tax collector.
- This is evident in the way he arranged the gospel bearing his name.

The Apostle Matthew

- *The Apostle Matthew was*
- Organized his gospel in two different ways:
 - Biographically in two divisions:
 - Matthew 4:17 *“From that time”*
 - Matthew 16:21- *“From that time”*
 - Topically in seven divisions:
 - Matt. 7:28-29; 11:1; 13:53; 19:1; 26:1
 - *“When Jesus had finished.....”*

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MAN OF HOSPITALITY/GENEROSITY

- Appears to have had been a man of some means to have hosted such a large event.
- Jesus was the guest of honor.
- Shared with others what he had. Invited Jesus and a large group of people into his home for a feast.

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MAN OF FAITH

- When Jesus called him to follow, Luke says that he “left all” and followed him. Gave it all up.

MAN OF UNITING AND DISCIPLING

- He brought people from all walks of life together so that they could be introduced to Jesus and unite under his leadership.
- Matt. 28:18-20

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MAN OF PRAYER

- Acts 1:14 tells us that he was with the other apostles devoting himself to prayer.

MAN OF THE WORD

- He believed in the truth of God's word and used it to prove that Jesus was the Messiah.
- Large volume of O.T. references. Numerous Messianic prophecies.