



# MATTHEW

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*The Prophecy Fulfilled*

# The Jesus Style



- Lepers, Romans, Mothers-in-law, Storms, and the Demonized – (Ch.8)
  - Jesus is not the ordinary Rabbi!
  - He touches, cares, has power over storms and demons
  - He reaches out to people, even women and goyim!
  - Greater things are yet to come...

# Back to people...



- Peter's house – Matthew 9, see Mark 2
  - Capernaum again... people gather and listen to Jesus
  - Matthew ignores the dynamics of the roof entry
  - “seeing their faith” the men who brought him...
  - “...your sins are forgiven.” blasphemy!
  - “Why are you thinking evil in your hearts?”

# Back to TRUTH....



- How do you know when sins are forgiven...
  - No halo or glow... no outward effect...
  - Jesus does the harder thing, heals to prove His authority
  - That you may know... Son of Man...
  - \*said – “Rise, take up your bed and go home.”
- Responses – awestruck and glorified God... authority
  - Still not realizing who this was...

# Jesus at the table...



- Just passing by... Jesus sees a man...
  - Chief tax collector, counting money, keeping books...
  - \*said... “Follow Me!” (Pres. Act. Imp.) - he follows???
- Then, as now, eating was an important time
  - Many tax-gathers, publicans (gov’t. workers!)
  - Who you ate with... community and opportunity...

# When others repent...



- He is questioned by Pharisees...
  - Eating with tax-collectors and sinners? Friends of Matthew
  - If he “saw” how close was he???
  - Those who are sick... do we know our state/status??
  - Jesus responds to need and hunger in our hearts! Repentance..
  - Healer of broken lives... religious think they are “well”

# Go and learn!



- Pharisees held 3 expressions of their religion:
  - Washings/cleanliness (ocd)
  - Food, diet, kosher laws...
  - Tithing/Shabbat
- Jesus hits hard at their hardened hearts!!! Go learn!
  - Hosea 6:6 – compassion (mercy), not sacrifice (*eleos*)
  - He will use this again in ch 12 – He will challenge them...

# John's disciples come...



- John (?) and Andrew had followed JB – Jn 1:37
  - Jesus had become more popular – John 3:30!
  - Why don't you fast? Another "religious" ritual...
- Parable response – Bridegroom/attendants
  - Time for celebration now, they will fast later...
  - Unshrunk cloth on an old garment? Ruins both
  - Old wineskins, new wine... no room for expansion...