

**Introduction*****I. Matthew's Call...vs. 9******A. The setting for Matthew's Call******B. Who Was Matthew?***

1. Levi...
2. A publican...

***C. Jesus said, "Follow Me..."***

1. An effectual call...
  - a. There is a universal, general call in the Gospel... *Matthew 9:13; 11:28*
  - b. This call to Matthew is specific
  - c. It is effectual...

**Observation:** 1. Matthew had undoubtedly heard of Christ and the Holy Spirit had begun a gracious work in him...

2. He was willing... *Psalm 110:3*
3. Jesus went looking for Matthew...

## 2. A life changing call...

- a. It changed his direction and purpose in life...
- b. It was costly... see *Luke 5:28*

***II. Matthew's Feast... vs. 10-11******A. Matthew does not Mention that He is the Host, but Mark and Luke do...***

1. We see his humility...
2. He doesn't glory in past sins...

***B. Why did Matthew give the Feast?***

1. Out of gratitude...
2. To profess his discipleship...
3. To be with Christ...
4. He was unwilling to leave his friends and associates ignorant of the Lord Jesus...

***C. The Wrong Self-righteous Thinking of the Pharisees...***

1. They grumbled at the disciples...
2. They claimed Jesus was no better than the scum of the earth...
3. They were terribly wrong...

***III. Jesus' Rebuke to the Pharisees...******A. He Rebuked them for Misunderstanding three things...***

1. Sin...
2. The Law... *Hosea 6:6*
3. The Prophets...

***Application:***