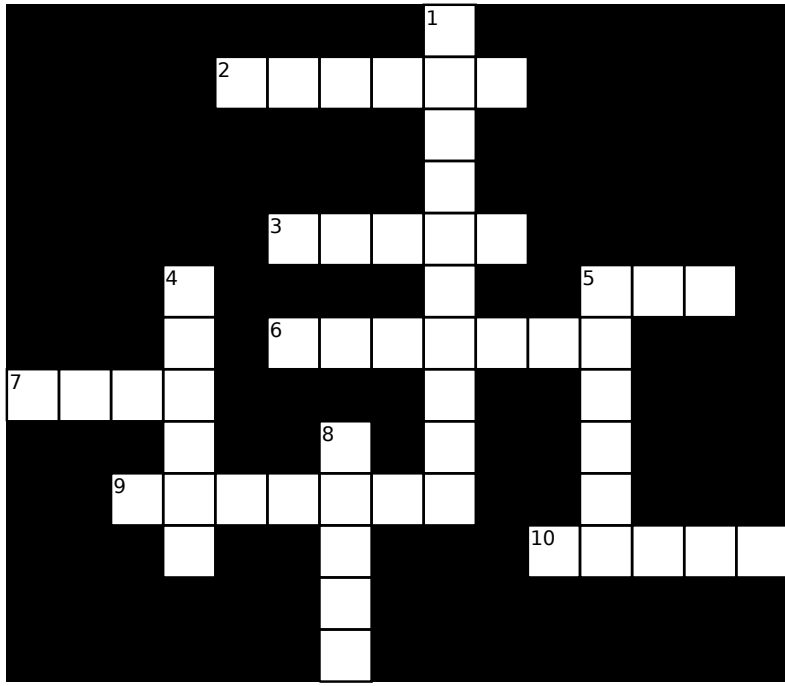


CROSSWORD



Across

- 2 Jesus said to Matthew, "_____ me."
3 Jesus wants all people to be _____.
5 Matthew was a _____ collector before he became a disciple.
6 St. _____ was an apostle and evangelist.
7 Matthew is also known by the name _____.
9 We are all _____.
10 Jesus said, "I desire _____, and not sacrifice."

Down

- 1 Jesus reclined with tax _____ and sinners.
4 Matthew was inspired by the Holy _____ to write the Gospel of Matthew.
5 Matthew was one of the _____ disciples.
8 _____ came for sinners.

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LESSONS FOR LAMBS

ST. MATTHEW, APOSTLE AND EVANGELIST (SEPTEMBER 21)

The color for St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist, is red.



What to listen for during the service?

We hear in the Gospel reading today that Jesus came for sinners. Listen during the service for when we talk about sinners. Who is a sinner? In the Kyrie, we sing, "Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us." Why do we need God's mercy? What does Jesus do for sinners?

Gospel Reading: Matthew 9:9-13

(The Gospel Reading is from the part of the Bible that is about Jesus and his ministry.)

9 As Jesus passed on from there, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth, and he said to him, "Follow me." And he rose and followed him.

10 And as Jesus reclined at table in the house, behold, many tax collectors and sinners came and were reclining with Jesus and his disciples. 11 And when the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" 12 But when he heard it, he said, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. 13 Go and learn what this means, 'I desire mercy, and not sacrifice.' For I came not to call the righteous, but sinners."

Questions to talk about with your parents:

- 1) What did Jesus say to Matthew? What did Matthew do? How can we "follow" Jesus?
- 2) Who was "reclining" and eating with Jesus? Why were the Pharisees upset about this?
- 3) We are all sinners. Do sinners need to hear the Gospel?
- 4) Who did Jesus come to save?
- 5) What does Jesus mean by, "I desire mercy, and not sacrifice"? Who was going to give the great sacrifice so that God would have mercy on us?

People of the Bible: Matthew

The Gospel reading today is from Matthew. But who was Matthew? Matthew was inspired by the Holy Spirit to write the Gospel of Matthew. Matthew was one of the twelve disciples and is also known by the name, Levi. Matthew was a tax collector before Jesus called him to be a disciple. At that time people didn't like tax collectors because they often cheated people out of money. By calling Matthew as a disciple, Jesus showed that He came to save sinners (those who have done wrong). No one is too bad or has done too many bad things for Jesus to forgive them if they are sorry for what they have done. Jesus wants all people to be saved, and if they believe in Him as their Savior they will be.

HYMN – "By All Your Saints in Warfare"

- 1 By all Your saints in warfare,
For all Your saints at rest,
Your holy name, O Jesus,
Forevermore be blest!
For You have won the battle
That they might wear the crown;
And now they shine in glory
Reflected from Your throne.
- 2 Praise, Lord, for him whose Gospel
Your human life declared,
Who, worldly gain forsaking,
Your path of suff'ring shared.
From all unrighteous mammon,
O raise our eyes anew
That we in our vocation
May rise and follow You.
- 3 Then let us praise the Father
And worship God the Son
And sing to God the Spirit,
Eternal Three in One,
Till all the ransomed number
Fall down before the throne,
Ascribing pow'r and glory
And praise to God alone.

Draw a picture of Jesus eating with tax collectors and sinners

