

# Jesus Chooses His Friends - WHAT HIM?

**Luke 5: 27—32**

By now, many people had heard about Jesus the teacher. Everywhere he went, many people followed him. They wanted to hear what he had to say. They wanted to see if Jesus would perform any more miracles.

One day as Jesus was traveling back to Lake Galilee, he walked past the table where Levi the tax man was sitting. People did not like Levi very much. He collected the taxes for the Roman government. The Jewish people wanted the Romans to go away. They did not want to pay any more to build Roman roads, Roman temples and Roman buildings. They also disliked Levi for another reason. Levi was dishonest. Levi took more money from the people than what they actually owed the government. Levi kept the extra money for himself. Levi was a very wealthy man.

As Jesus came by the tax booth, he stopped. “Levi,” he called out, “leave what you are doing and come with me. I need you.” Some people thought that Levi should just laugh at Jesus and tell him to be on his way. But instead, Levi got up from the tax booth, left everything there, and followed Jesus.

Now Jesus had five disciples—Simon Peter, Andrew, James and John the sons of Zebedee, and Levi (who was also called Matthew). Levi was so excited about becoming a follower of Jesus that he gave a banquet at his house. Levi invited Jesus and all of his followers to come and celebrate Levi’s new life.

In the crowd that night were many tax collectors. When everyone sat down to dinner, Jesus and his followers sat among the tax collectors. The Pharisees and the scribes complained to some of Jesus’ followers. “Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors? They are sinners.” Jesus overheard what they said and answered them, “Those who are well do not need a doctor. I have come to minister to those who are sick. I did not come to call the people who are already doing what is right and just. I came to call the outcasts, those who are sinners. They are the ones who truly need my help.”

So, Levi became one of Jesus’ special helpers. Jesus chose twelve men to be special helpers. They were with him all the time. They listened when Jesus told the people about God and about what God wants people to do. These twelve men were called apostles. The apostles were Simon Peter and his brother Andrew, James and his brother John, Philip, Bartholomew, Thomas, Levi (sometimes called Matthew), another James, Thaddaeus, Simon the Zealot and Judas Iscariot

# Morse Code

Levi was known by another name.....  
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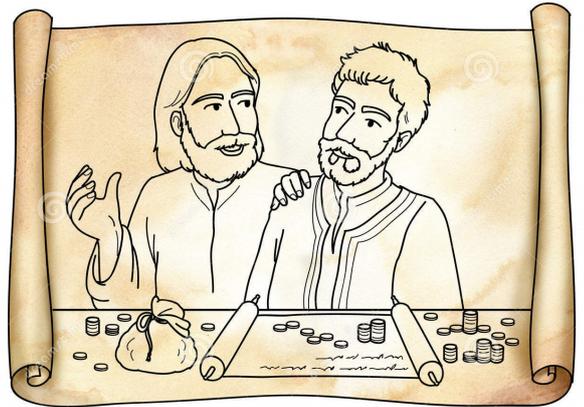


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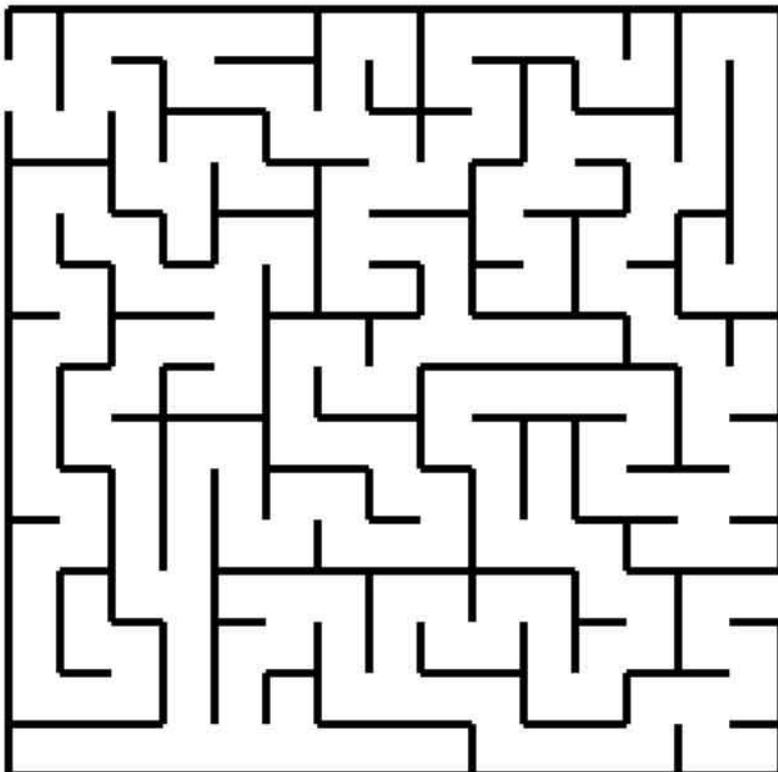
Why didn't people like Levi?

Jesus said.....

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Does Jesus see people differently to the way we see people?



How do you choose your friends?

As you can't go out at the moment, which of your friends do you miss most?

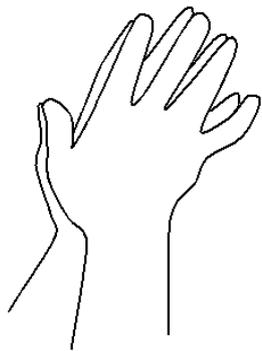
Why do you miss them?



# Thought of the Day!

## Twelve Disciples Word Search

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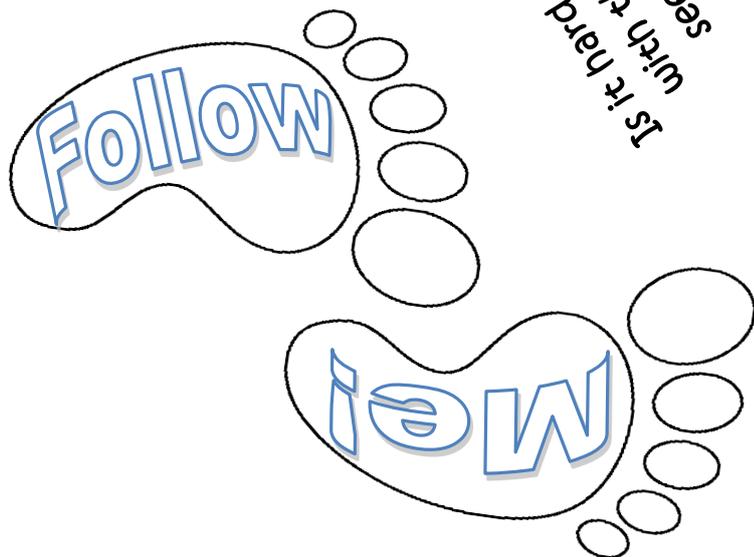


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Do you know  
 anyone that no one  
 seems to like or  
 want to play with?

It's hard to help and play  
 with those people who  
 seem to be left out  
 at school!



Do you think that a person  
 has some good qualities that  
 maybe no one else can see?

Why doesn't anyone  
 like this person?

