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Matthew 9:1-8... In Capernaum Jesus healed the paralytic who had been brought to Him by friends...but the point of the healing and the story is that Jesus possessed and demonstrated that He had **authority to forgive sins...** a right that only God possesses.



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Tax Collectors were almost always lumped in with 'sinners', a designation for those who were identified with the most immoral and the most degenerate of the people of Israel.

Most often the part of their culture involved in prostitution was the focus of this designation as 'sinners', placing them in a position of rejection and judgment.



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## John 1:35-46

**35** The next day again John was standing with two of his disciples,

**36** and he looked at Jesus as He walked by and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God!"

**37** The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus.

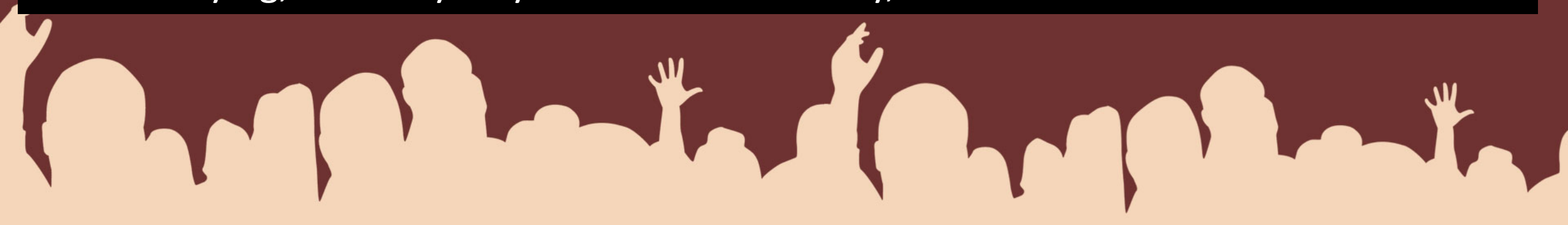
**38** Jesus turned and saw them following and said to them,

"What are you seeking?"

And they said to Him,

"Rabbi" (which means Teacher), "where are you staying?"

**39** He said to them, "**Come and you will see.**" So they came and saw where He was staying, and they stayed with Him that day, for it was about the tenth hour.





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**40** One of the two who heard John speak and followed Jesus was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother.

**41** He first found his own brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which means Christ).

**42** He brought him to Jesus. Jesus looked at him and said, "So you are Simon the son of John? You shall be called Cephas" (which means Peter).



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**43** The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him,  
**"Follow me."**

**44** Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter.

**45** Philip found Nathanael and said to him,  
"We have found him of whom Moses in the Law and also the prophets wrote,  
Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph."

**46** Nathanael said to him,  
"Can anything good come out of Nazareth?"  
Philip said to him,  
**"Come and see."**



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**“Come and see”**



# “Come and see”

John 20:30-31

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book, but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in His name.



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**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.



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## Hosea 6:6

- 1 "Come, let us return to the LORD; for He has torn us, that He may heal us; He has struck us down, and He will bind us up.
- 2 After two days He will revive us; on the third day He will raise us up, that we may live before Him.
- 3 Let us know; let us press on to know the LORD; His going out is sure as the dawn; He will come to us as the showers, as the spring rains that water the earth."

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*...under whose authority  
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**When Jesus  
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we simply have a  
two step journey...**

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**Follow Him**

A dark red background featuring silhouettes of a crowd of people at the top, with several individuals having their hands raised in the air.

**Consider Him**

...with sincerity and humility

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**Follow Him**



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**Follow Him**

**...with faithful abandon by giving  
your heart to the mercy  
and justice of God.**





*When you follow Jesus from  
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***“Get used to different!”***



