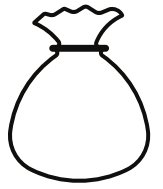




St. Matthew



"Blessed are the peacemakers:
for they shall be called the children of
God."

— matthew, The Gospel According to
Matthew

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As Jesus continued on his way, he noticed a man named Matthew sitting at his customs booth. Jesus said to him, "Come, follow me." And Matthew got up and followed him. Later, while Jesus was having a meal at Matthew's house, many tax collectors and sinners joined them. The Pharisees saw this and asked Jesus' disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" Jesus overheard and replied, "Healthy people don't need a doctor—sick people do. Go and learn the meaning of this: 'I want you to show mercy, not offer sacrifices.'"