# EXPERIENCING THE KING LIVING OUT THE KINGDOM

THE STUDY OF MATTHEW

# THE KING BRINGS NEWNESS

Matthew 9:9-34 Lilian Poon



New Identity: The Calling Of A Sinner Matthew 9:9

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Matthew 9:10 While Jesus was having dinner at Matthew's house, many tax collectors and sinners came and ate with him and his disciples.



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Jesus: "Follow me, and be my disciple". (New Living Translation)



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 But when Jesus looked at Matthew, He saw Matthew's heart and potential ready to be God's follower and disciple.



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Reflection:

What are the old identities or burdens to leave behind today?



### Matthew 9:11

When the Pharisees saw this, they asked his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?"



### Pharisees

- Guardians and gatekeepers of the Torah or the Law.
- Interpret the Torah
- Taught ordinary Jews the way to apply and obey it stringently in daily lives.



### Pharisees

- Pharisaic theology Life of separation
- Sinners from pagans
- Impure from pure
- Ritualistic piety essential to preserve religious and social purity in their lives.



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2. New mindsets: Paradigm shifts for the Kingdom Hosea 6:3 And let us know, let us strive to know (yâda) the Lord: like the dawn whose going forth is sure, and He will come to us like rain, like the latter rain which satisfies the earth.

Genesis 4:1

Now Adam knew (yâda) Eve his wife, and she conceived and bore Cain, saying, "I have gotten a man with the help of the Lord."

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Knowledge: (yâda')

- Pro-creative intimate love relationship between a man and a woman.
- Mirrors God's desire for Israel to have an intimate personal relationship with Him first, rather than outward acts of serving and sacrificing to Him.



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#### Christ

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  with Him.
- Know God's
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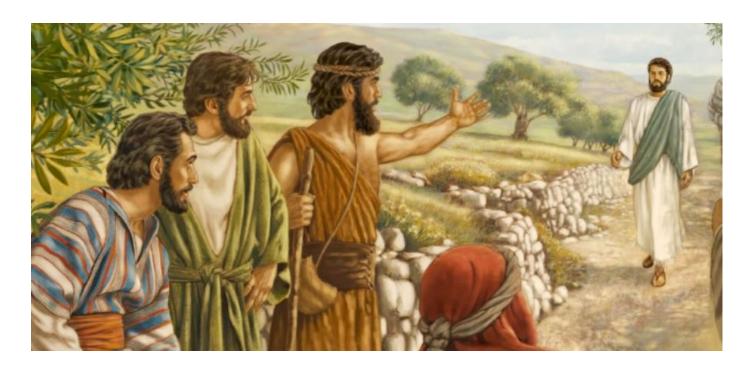


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### Matthew 9:14-15

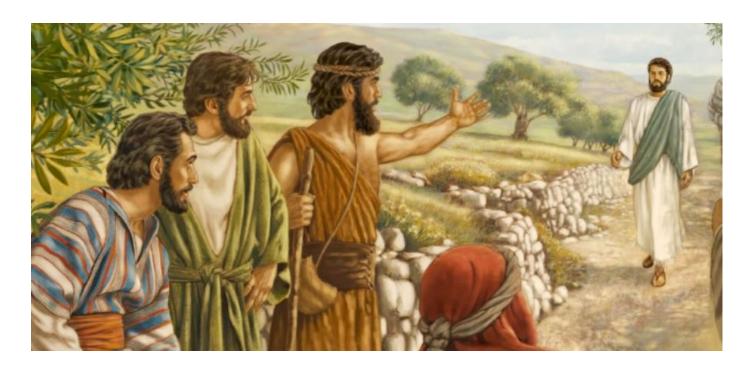
<sup>14</sup> Then John's disciples came and asked him, "How is it that we and the Pharisees fast often, but your disciples do not fast?"

<sup>15</sup> Jesus answered, "How can the guests of the bridegroom mourn while he is with them? The time will come when the bridegroom will be taken from them; then they will fast.



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- John 1:35-37
- $^{35}\mbox{ The next}$  day John was there again with
- two of his disciples.
- <sup>36</sup> When he saw Jesus passing by, he said,
- "Look, the Lamb of God!"
- <sup>37</sup> When the two disciples heard him say
- this, they followed Jesus.



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### Matthew 9:16-17

<sup>16</sup> "No one sews a patch of unshrunk cloth on an old garment, for the patch will pull away from the garment, making the tear worse. <sup>16</sup> Neither do people pour new wine into old wineskins. If they do, the skins will burst: the wine will run out and the wineskins will be ruined.



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# Disciples of John

- God-centered relationship built on mercy and love, and not on their old ritualistic systems.
- Pouring new wine of grace into the old wineskins of tradition will ruin both.
- Surrender old wineskins







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### Reflections:

What are the old mindsets you need to shift to allow the new things God is doing in your life today? Are you struggling to the new mindsets and paradigm shifts?



4 Power Encounters

- 1. Healing of the woman with bleeding for 12 years
- 2. Raising of a dead girl
- 3. Healing of 2 blind men
- 4. Deliverance of a mute demon possessed man

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#### i. Stigma of uncleanness, curse & sin

#### Mathew 9:20-22:

<sup>20</sup> Just then a woman who had been subject to bleeding for twelve years came up behind him and touched the edge of his cloak. <sup>21</sup> She said to herself, "If I only touch his cloak, I will be healed." <sup>22</sup> Jesus turned and saw her. "Take heart, daughter," he said, "your faith has healed you." And the woman was healed at that moment.



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#### Leviticus 15:25-27

<sup>25</sup> "When a woman has a discharge of blood for many days at a time other than her monthly period or has a discharge that continues beyond her period, she will be unclean as long as she has the discharge, just as in the days of her period.<sup>26</sup> Any bed she lies on while her discharge continues will be unclean, as is her bed during her monthly period, and anything she sits on will be unclean, as during her period.<sup>27</sup> Anyone who touches them will be unclean; they must wash their clothes and bathe with water, and they will be unclean till evening.

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Social suffering:

- Outcaste
- Ostracized from society lacksquare
- Separated from her family, children, community



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#### Matthew 9:18-19, 23-26. :

<sup>18</sup> While he was saying this, **a synagogue leader came and** knelt before him and said, "My daughter has just died. But come and put your hand on her, and she will live." <sup>19</sup> Jesus got up and went with him, and so did his disciples. <sup>23</sup> When Jesus entered the synagogue leader's house and saw the noisy crowd and people playing pipes, <sup>24</sup> he said, "Go away. The girl is not dead but asleep." But they laughed at him. <sup>25</sup> After the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took the girl by the hand, and she got up. <sup>26</sup> News of this spread through all that region.



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#### Leviticus 21:11

He must not enter a place where there is a dead body. He must not make himself unclean, even for his father or mother

#### Numbers 19:11

"Whoever touches a human corpse will be unclean for seven days.



# 3. New authority: Healing, restoration and faith i. Stigma of uncleanness, curse & sin

#### Matthew 9:27-34

<sup>27</sup> As Jesus went on from there, two blind men followed him, calling out, "Have mercy on us, Son of David!"<sup>28</sup> When he had gone indoors, the blind men came to him, and he asked them, "Do you believe that am able to do this?" "Yes, Lord," they replied. <sup>29</sup> Then he touched their eyes and said, "According to your faith let it be done to you"; <sup>30</sup> and their sight was restored. Jesus warned them sternly, "See that no one knows about this." <sup>31</sup> But they went out and spread the news about him all over that region.

<sup>32</sup> While they were going out, a man who was demon-possessed and could not talk was brought to Jesus. <sup>33</sup> And when the demon was driven out, the man who had been mute spoke. The crowd was amazed and said, "Nothing like this has ever been seen in Israel." <sup>34</sup> But the Pharisees said, "It is by the prince of demons that he drives out demons."



#### i. Stigma of uncleanness, curse & sin

John 9:1-2

As He went along, He saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?"

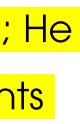
#### Exodus 34:7

Maintaining love to thousands, and forgiving wickedness, rebellion and sin. Yet He does not leave the guilty unpunished; He punishes the children and their children for the sin of the parents to the third and fourth generation."









# ii. Faith is the KEY

To usher in the King and His authority into the sinful and cursed realm to bring breakthroughs and healings

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- Jesus's new and kingly authority conquers ulletthe stigma of curses and sin!

Sicknesses and diseases must bow down lacksquareand relinquish their control when they encounter Christ's authority.

