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ENCOUNTERING JESUS

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Matthew 9:9-13 As Jesus went on from there, he saw a man named Matthew sitting at the tax collector's booth. "Follow me," he told him, and Matthew got up and followed him. 10 While Jesus was having dinner at Matthew's house, many tax collectors and sinners came and ate with him and his disciples. 11 When the Pharisees saw this, they asked his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" 12 On hearing this, Jesus said, "It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. 13 But go and learn what this means: 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners."

1. Jesus _____ Matthew

Genesis 16:13 Then she called the name of the Lord who spoke to her, You-Are-the-God-Who-Sees-Me.

2. The _____

3. Matthew _____ to Jesus

Matthew 8:19-22 Then a teacher of the law came to him and said, "Teacher, I will follow you wherever you go." 20 Jesus replied, "Foxes have dens and birds have nests, but the Son of Man has no place to lay his head." 21 Another disciple said to him, "Lord, first let me go and bury my father." 22 But Jesus told him, "Follow me, and let the dead bury their own dead."

Matthew wasn't obligated to follow Jesus. He _____ to follow Jesus.

Luke 5:28 Levi got up, left everything and followed him. He laid it all on the line when he responded.

4. Matthew refused to be _____.

Luke 5:29 Then Levi held a great banquet for Jesus at his house, and a large crowd of tax collectors and others were eating with them.

Anytime you're doing something big for God, there's going to be someone around _____ about it.

If Christians aren't careful, the message of Christianity to a lost and dying world becomes one that is all about what we stay _____ from instead of who we stay _____ to.

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IF ALL THE PEOPLE YOU LOVE ALREADY LOVE JESUS, THEN YOU DON'T LOVE ENOUGH PEOPLE AND YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND THE HEART OF CHRIST.