

# Saint Matthew

**St. Matthew**, also called **St. Matthew the Evangelist**, **St. Matthew the Apostle**, or **Levi**,

He is one of the Twelve Apostles of Jesus Christ and the recognised writer of the first Gospel.

According to both Gospels Matthew 9:9 and Mark 2:14 **Matthew** was sitting by the customs house in Capernaum when Jesus called him to be a disciple. Levi's ( his Jewish name) occupation was one that earned distrust and contempt everywhere, because he was employed to collect taxes.

He is often paired with St.Thomas another Apostle.

The Gospel according to **Matthew** was certainly written for a Jewish-Christian church in a strongly Jewish environment.

There are some examples of Jesus's life which are only found in **Matthew's** Gospel.

After tracing the genealogy of Jesus back to Abraham, the Evangelist mentions certain details related to the infancy of Christ that are not recorded elsewhere—

The homage of the Wise Men, the Flight into Egypt to escape Herod's soldiers, and the return of the Holy Family from Egypt after Herod's death.

His symbol is an "Divine Man "or winged man because his gospel teaches us about the human nature of Christ and his apostles emblem is 3 silver money bags on a red field.

See if you can find them?

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- **It's time to watch a cartoon about St. Matthew.**
  - **Click on the link.**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RbPecmTJ-k8>

If you wish you can sing these songs, click on the link

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=P83DMziX1gA>

*Onward Christian soldiers*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AaZBV29vEiA&list=RDeesl9-dsg9U&index=6>

*I will worship*

## Activity time

**To make a money box follow this link and print it out on card.**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vhccz8P8ZuU>

**You will need an adult with you, colouring pens, scissors and glue...**

Here are 2 word searches first followed by a colouring page and a cut out.

**FROM MATTHEW GOSPEL CH 9.VS 9 -13**

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 F J U S E C G I S X T K U N E  
 N Q B N A N O E G U H O T O N  
 R I N I I C L L D H K S P J U  
 C I T T Q P R F L P T W I D P  
 D M T E I Y S I A E R E U C D  
 D I A C A Q E H F K C L O M K  
 S H S T S C V B E I G T W U Y  
 U I O Q T R H Z O A C O O T S  
 D Q K U O H T E G O L E V R W  
 Q E X T S P E W R L T T L K S  
 H N C S C E A W O H S H H H A  
 P O B T N W G F K W C B U Y W  
 D V T H Q A S I N N E R S G A  
 M E R C Y D M U R T O K R G R

DISCIPLES	MATTHEW	DOCTOR	COLLECTORS
SACRIFICE	DINNER	HEALTHY	TEACHER
MERCY	SITTING	BOOTH	SINNERS
RIGHTEOUS	FOLLOW	HOUSE	SICK

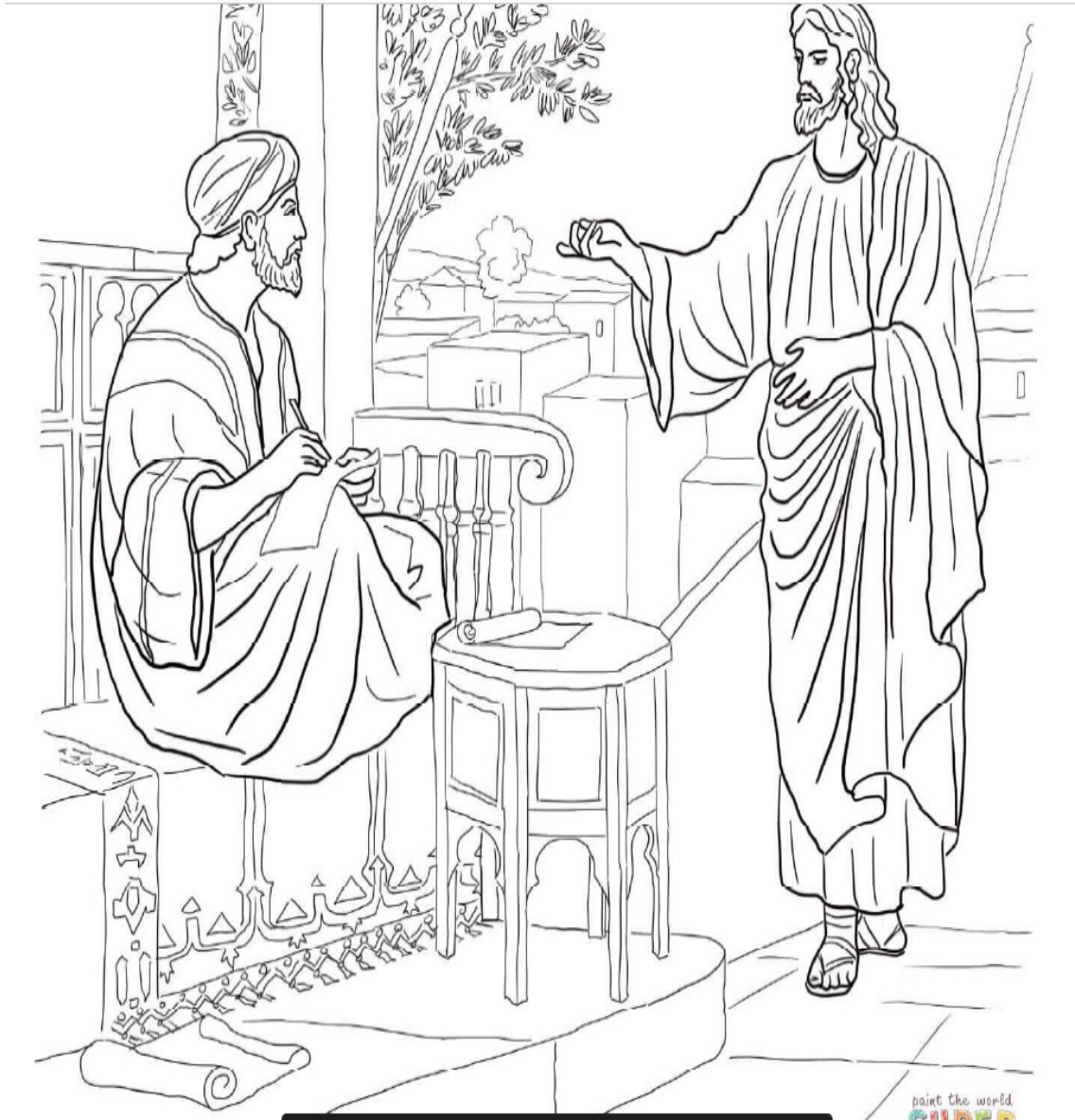
**FROM MATTHEW 3. 13-17**

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A	D	M	I	D	F	E	D	I	O	O	D	F
G	N	E	N	E	H	U	Z	I	V	C	E	I
R	O	S	G	G	U	E	S	E	N	A	E	L
T	S	T	N	A	D	R	O	J	T	G	R	B

ANSWERING	DOVE	JESUS	RIGHTEOUSNESS
BAPTIZED	FORBAD	JOHN	SON
BECOMETH	FULFIL	JORDAN	SPIRIT
BELOVED	GALILEE	LIGHTING	SUFFER
COMEST	GOD	OPENED	VOICE
DESCENDING	HEAVENS	PLEASED	WELL

## Jesus calling Matthew whilst he was working.

Print and colour



**Make a paper doll of St Matthew**

**Print on card and cut out**



Here is his cloak and collar



This is how he should look, maybe you would like to colour his face and hands.





## **This is a prayer about St Matthew**

O Almighty God,  
whose blessed Son called Matthew the tax collector  
to be an apostle and evangelist:  
give us grace to forsake the selfish pursuit of gain and the possessive love  
of riches  
that we may follow in the way of your Son Jesus Christ,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**Amen**

**Finish with your own PRAYERS**