"JESUS CALL OF MATTHEW"
(Luke 5:27-32, Mark 2:13-17, Matthew 9:9-13)

I.   Jesus Galilean Ministry Continued

A. The Background for This Call (Luke 5:27a)

1. By his profession, Levi was a "_____ "(KJV).

*Some background info about this title:

*Why would anyone, especially a Jew, want such a job or title?

*What kind of person must Matthew have been to make the choice to be a publican or tax collector?

*Who could love a "publican"?

2. Christ _____ Him and didn't want Him to_____.

3. These publicans were hated by the Jewish people for basically two reasons:
    a) They were _____a repressive regime (Rome) which was

    _____fiercely by the Jewish people.

    b) The publicans became very wealthy by _____from their own people.

4. It seems Jesus _____Matthew when _____else did.

B. The Call of Matthew By Jesus (Luke 5:27b-28)

1. Jesus simply _____Matthew to _____in life.

2. It seems as though Matthew <u>recognized</u> Jesus _____ & _____
    was _____all others – from _____itself!

3.For Him to do this… means he _____that Jesus is the long awaited

   Promised _____of Israel! That He has the authority to usher in the
   _____ promised to the nation.

4. So, he_____, _____, and _____Jesus.

C. Matthew Hosts a Banquet for Jesus & Matthew's Friends (5:29-32)

1. Matthews friends are made of _____just like him, but
    _____ is present there, with His_____.

2. The spiritual leaders were watching and _____that Jesus
    was eating and drinking with them all.

3. What was Jesus' response?

    a. These are the very people who _____or _____in life.

    b. As the Great Physician, He came to _____ them from their _____
       _____ condition.

    c. The Pharisee's problem was they thought they were spiritually_____,
    but they were _____ about this!

    d. In vs 31-32, Jesus rebukes the Pharisee's because their focus was on _____
    - like sacrifice, acting proper, & following the law explicidly, not on _____
    like_____, _____, and_____.

    e. The Pharisee's problem was they viewed themselves as_____, and
    not as_____, whom Jesus came to_____!

    What does all this mean to you?