



The Notes

THE GOOD NEWS ACCORDING TO... Part 2: "...the tax guy?! Seriously?"

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"Jesus went near to them and he said to them, 'God has given me authority over everyone and everything. I have all authority in heaven and in this world. So you must go to people in every country of the world. Teach them how to become my disciples. Baptize them by the authority of God the Father, his Son and the Holy Spirit. Teach them to obey everything that I have taught you. You can be sure that I will be with you always. I will be with you until the end of time.'"

Matthew 28:18-20 (EASY)

WHEN I DOUBT THAT GOD IS USING ME TO TELL HIS STORY, I NEED TO REMIND MYSELF...

1. ...HE SEEMS _____ TO PICKING
_____ STORYTELLERS.

"When Jesus was leaving, he saw a man named Matthew sitting at the place for collecting taxes. Jesus said to him, 'Follow me.' So he got up and followed Jesus. Jesus ate dinner at Matthew's house. Many tax collectors and others with bad reputations came and ate with him and his followers. The Pharisees saw that Jesus was eating with these people. They

asked his followers, 'Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and other sinners?' Jesus heard them say this. So he said to them, 'It is the sick people who need a doctor, not those who are healthy. You need to go and learn what this Scripture means: 'I don't want animal sacrifices; I want you to show kindness to people.' I did not come to invite good people. I came to invite sinners.'

Matthew 9:9-13 (ERV)

2. ...HE FITS THE RIGHT STORYTELLER WITH THE RIGHT _____, AT THE RIGHT _____.

"Tell God's message to people. Always be ready to speak God's message clearly to people, whether they want to listen to you or not. Warn people when they are doing something wrong. Tell them to stop doing wrong things, and explain to them what they ought to do. But be very patient while you teach them what is true."

2 Timothy 4:2 (EASY)

"When you knock on a door, be courteous in your greeting. If they welcome you, be gentle in your conversation. If they don't welcome you, quietly withdraw. Don't make a scene. Shrug your shoulders and be on your way."

Matthew 10:12-14 (MSG)

3. ...HE IS _____ FOR ANYONE WHO IS _____.

"She will have a son, and you will name Him Jesus, which means 'the Lord saves,' because

this Jesus is the person who will save all of His people from sin. Years and years ago, Isaiah, a prophet of Israel, foretold the story of Mary, Joseph, and Jesus: 'A virgin will conceive and bear a Son, and His name will be Immanuel' (which is a Hebrew name that means 'God with us').

Matthew 1:21-23 (TVB)

"You're blessed when you get your inside world—your mind and heart—put right. Then you can see God in the outside world."

Matthew 5:8 (MSG)