

# The Way: Mercy, not Sacrifice

## Jesus eats with sinners

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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.

While Jesus was having dinner at Matthew's house, many tax collectors and sinners came and ate with Him and His disciples. When the Pharisees saw this, they asked His disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?"

On hearing this, Jesus said, "It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. But go and learn what this means: 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners."

Matthew 9:9-13 NIV

1. What is Jesus' Way?
2. Why is it this Way?
3. How do we follow The Way?

### REFLECTION QUESTIONS

1. Who are the people that you tend to move away from? And why?
2. Who can you bring to your table? Who are those people that you can approach and show mercy and compassion?