

# Jesus Sees The You Others Can't See

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"Those who are well have no need of a physician,  
but those who are sick."

-Matthew 9:12

As Jesus taught by the shore,  
a crowd pressed around Him-  
hungry for His words-  
manna in the desert.

He finished teaching  
and strolled by the water-  
waves whispering over pebbles,  
swallows filling the air  
with their fluttering song.

Suddenly, He paused at an open door.  
The bustling crowd hushed-  
like soft wind at a storm's edge-  
wondering why He had stopped there,  
and why He gazed silently  
at the man inside.

With his office sitting  
on the main road through town,  
Matthew had heard it all.

Word of His miracles  
kept arriving at his table-  
every coin laid down  
carrying another story.

"He's the Messiah."

"No-He's a prophet."

"Nobody has ever spoken like Him."

Everyone knew the man inside.  
Most feared him.  
All avoided him.

Though Jewish,  
he had betrayed his own people.  
Worse-he worked for their oppressors,  
taxing his countrymen  
beyond what they owed.

Matthew sat there-  
surrounded by coins-  
clinking like chains  
that bound him from the Temple.  
Counted with idolaters,  
held back from sacrifice,  
from cleansing,  
from the house of His God.

You may not know this about Jesus-  
He sees in you what others can't see.

Jesus looked at Matthew-  
not the traitor,  
not the extortioner,  
but the image of God  
beneath the life that defined him.

And He spoke two words  
that ended his exile-  
like a key opening  
a tightly sealed lock.

"Follow Me."

-Matthew 9:9

Matthew rose and left everything-  
a man finally free  
from the life that bound him.

And that night his house  
filled with tax collectors  
and sinners-  
a banquet for Jesus' friends  
and Matthew's friends too.

And that's when the disreputables discovered  
they all had a place at the table of their King.