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| **Gospels study questions**  **Harmony of the Gospels – Page 21**  •  How were tax collectors viewed in first-century Galilee and Judea? What are some scriptures that tell us how they were viewed?  •  Of the different groups of people who lived in Galilee—zealots, religious Jews, Herodians, Samaritans and pagans—which group would Matthew have most likely associated with or identified with before Jesus called Him?  •  What does Luke 5:29 tell us about Matthew’s social status?  •  What does the fact that “many tax collectors and sinners” were at Matthew Levi’s house tell us about him?  •  What did Jesus mean when He said the following:    “Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick.”    “I desire mercy and not sacrifice.”    “I did not come to call the righteous, but sinners, to repentance.”  •  What did Jesus mean when He told Matthew Levi, “Follow Me”? This phrase appears 19 times in the Gospels. What does it mean when Jesus uses it?  •  We have discussed earlier how the Hebrew name *Yeshua*(translated “Jesus”) can mean not just *“God saves”*but also *“God rescues.”* Did Matthew Levi need rescuing? If so, how? And from what?  •  In what ways were Matthew Levi and the leper we talked about earlier (on page 19 of the *Harmony of the Gospels*) alike?  •  What is the difference in how other people viewed Matthew Levi compared to how Jesus saw him? What are the implications of that for us?  •  What did Matthew Levi give up to follow Jesus Christ? What did he receive in return?  •  What lessons do we learn about God the Father and Jesus Christ, about human nature, and about our adversary Satan the devil from these incidents? |