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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? |