



Then Jesus went again to walk alongside the lake. Again a crowd came to him, and he taught them. Strolling along, he saw Levi, son of Alphaeus, at his work collecting taxes. Jesus said, “Come along with me.” He came.

Mark 2:13-14

“An Unexpected Choice”

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*We often see what we expect to see.
What we expect to see is what we have seen before.*

Context: _____ were the most honored and respected people in town. *Beit Sefer* (House of book) from ages 6 to 10, a local synagogue teacher would begin teaching the children the _____.

Beit Talmud (House of learning) from ages 10 to 14, the “best of the best” students continue on to _____ the rest of the Hebrew scriptures.

Students would begin learning the art of _____ Luke 2:46.

Beit Midrash (House of study) would begin for a Jewish boy at 14 where he would present himself to a well-known rabbi requesting _____ into the rabbi’s “house of study.”

The student would be examined to see if he was ready to take on the rabbi’s _____: teaching, philosophy, interpretation, way of life. If deemed the best of the best, the rabbi would say, “_____ me.”

What the Bible Says: Mark 1:16-17

Jesus said to fishermen, “_____ me.” What was their reaction?

“They left their nets and followed him, _____.” Mark 1:18

Jesus said to boys learning to fish, “_____ me.” Mark 1:19-20

Jesus returns to his _____ in Capernaum. Mark 2:1

Who is Levi? Mark 2:13-14a, He collected _____ due at the border.

The people _____ him because he charged them coming and going.

Levi could _____ what he wanted as long as the contract was paid.

Jesus said to Levi, “_____ me.” Mark 2:14b

Who are sinners? Not _____ people, but **other** people. Mark 2:15

“Sinners” here means Jews who do not observe dietary or other _____.



*Jesus chooses Levi because His movement is for everybody!
If Jesus can choose Levi, Jesus can choose you. – Pastor Mark*

Action Steps: 1. Don’t _____ to the doubters. Mark 2:16-17

2. Don’t be afraid to say, “_____” to Jesus. He will take care of you.

3. Don’t be afraid when Jesus says, “_____” to someone you wouldn’t.

4. Share a _____ with someone you don’t understand.