## Jesus Can Display Discernment Matthew 9:9-17

- 1. Jesus is worth <u>following</u>
- 2. Salvation is worth sharing
  - A. Matthew's response: Bring sinners to Jesus
  - B. The Pharisees' response: Why is Jesus with sinners?
  - C. Jesus' response: <u>Sinners need Jesus</u>
    - He rebukes the <u>self-righteous</u>
    - He speaks the <u>Scripture</u>
    - He affirms His <u>authority to forgive</u>
- 3. Spiritual change is worth <u>embracing</u> Three illustrations:
  - A. A wedding: A relationship with Jesus is better than rules
  - B. New clothing: A new life is better than a patched life
  - C. New wine and wineskins: Spiritual transformation is better than religious structure