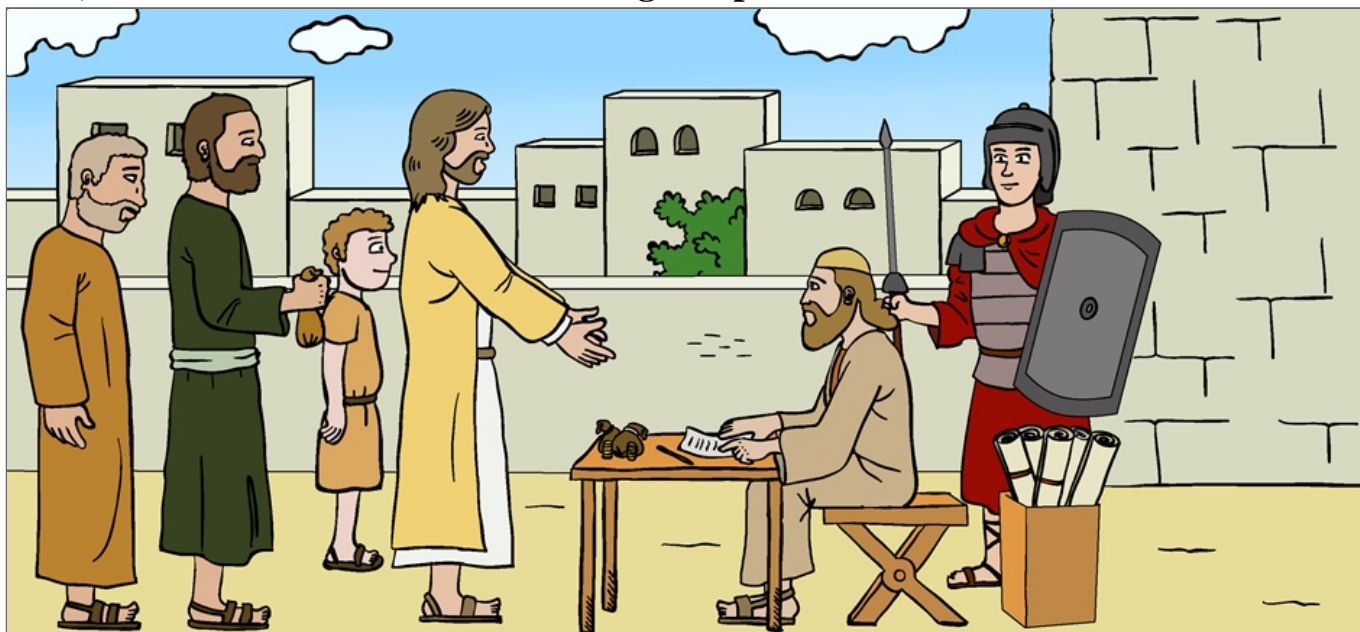


# Friday of the Thirteenth Week in Ordinary Time

**Gospel text (Mt 9,9-13):** As Jesus moved on from there, He saw a man named Matthew at his seat in the custom-house, and he said to him, «Follow me». And Matthew got up and followed him...



**Illustration:** Francesc Badia

Today we share the joy of Matthew and his friends: Jesus has chosen him! Everyone is happy and they celebrate it with a meal with the Master. But are they all happy? No, because the usual “killjoys” - with their usual prejudices - cannot bear to see the Master eating with “sinners”.

—“But who am I to say that others are” sinners “? In any case, the doctor is needed by those who are weak: “I desire mercy (...). For I came not to call the righteous, but sinners. ”