

Saturday of the First Week in Ordinary Time

Gospel text (Mk 2:13-17): As he passed by, he saw Levi, son of Alphaeus, sitting at the customs post. Jesus said to him, “Follow me.” And he got up and followed Jesus.

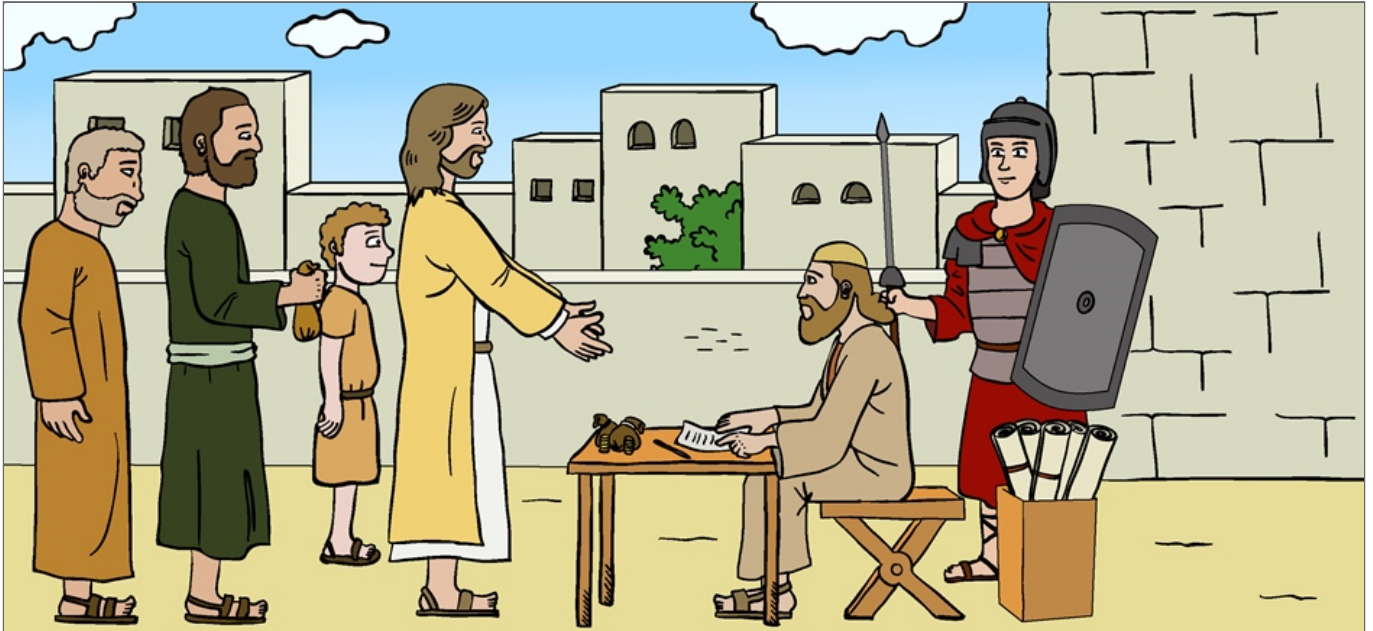


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Today we are filled with hope. Nothing is impossible to God. There we can see the would-be St. Matthew, the apostle and the evangelist. There he is, enriching himself by collecting the taxes from the people (and possibly more than the simply just). And Christ manages to get Matthew unhooked from that easy and cosy lifestyle by way of taking advantage of the humble people. It is difficult to let go from the spinning wheel of a bourgeoisie life.

- And now, you marvel about this!, he only had to say “follow me”. Is that not incredible! - If we are with Jesus everything is possible (even when He will not spare us of the sweat of our forehead).