



Name: Matthew

Superpower: Friendship

Spiritual gift: Evangelism

Read his story:

Luke 5:27-29

Matthew 9:9

Mark 2:14

VITAL STATS:

AKA: Levi

Active in: Capernaum, Region of Galilee

Occupation: Tax Collector

Highlights: Left everything to follow Jesus and threw a big party to celebrate

Did you know?

Levi/Matthew is named in all lists of the original 12 disciples. He was a tax collector in Capernaum, which meant that he probably collected custom tolls on the Damascus-Mediterranean highway as well as tariffs placed on fish from the Sea of Galilee. This would have naturally put him at odds with the fishermen in the area. Tax collectors were considered traitors because they collected money for the Roman authorities. While we have no indication that Levi was dishonest in his dealings, tax collectors were considered to be generally dishonest, outside the law, and religiously unclean.