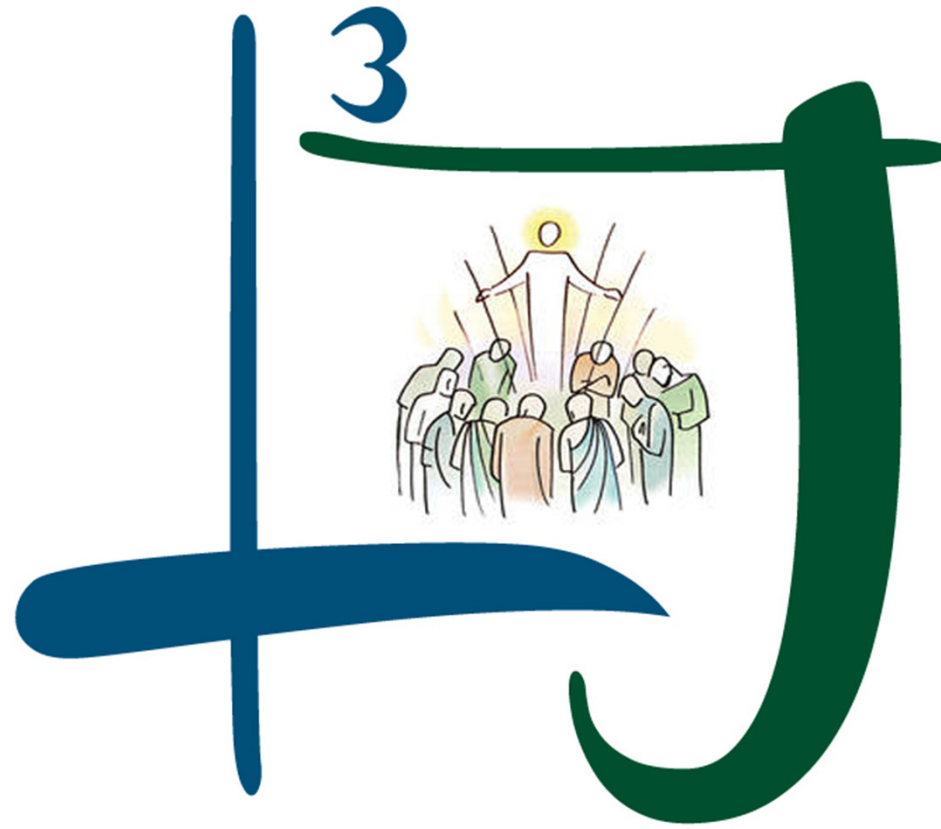


Loving
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Open
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Matt 9:9-13

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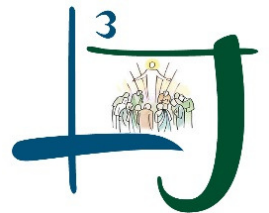
Learning to love like Jesus

See People, Don't Just Look At Them

- *See Needs*
- *See Spiritual Questions*
- *See Willingness to Invest/Explore*
- *See Persistence despite obstacles*

“As Jesus went on from there, he saw a man named Matthew sitting at the tax collectors booth.”

Matt 9:9

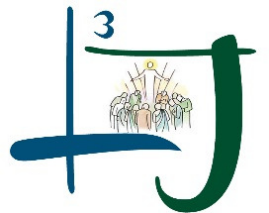


See Where People Are Hurting

- *I desire mercy*
- *Not sacrifice*
- *I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners.*

“But go and learn what this means: 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners.”

Matt 9:13

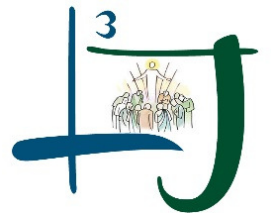


Don't Be Afraid Of Opposition, Complaints Or Offences.

- *Opposition was normal*
- *Complaints were consistent*
- *Offences were regular*

“When the Pharisees saw this, they asked his disciples, “Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and 'sinners'?”

Matt 9:11

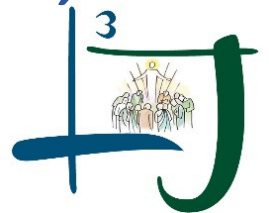


Issue A Clear Call To Follow Jesus

- *Understand who Jesus is*
- *Understand your sinfulness*
- *Understand faith*

“As Jesus went on from there, he saw a man named Matthew sitting at the tax collector's booth. “Follow me,” he told him, and Matthew got up and followed him.”

Matt 9:9



My Encouragement To You...

- ***Pray and ask God to open your eyes to others***
- ***Prepare yourself to ask one simple question...***
“Is there something I can pray about for you?”
- ***Prayerfully consider being 1 of 35***

***“My Father is always at his work to this very day, and I,
too, am working!”***

John 5:17

