



**"THE CALL OF MATTHEW" by Louis Comfort Tiffany, compliments of First Presbyterian Church, Topeka, KS**

**Matthew 9: 9, 13**

**"As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth; and he said to him, "Follow me," And Matthew got up and followed him. Jesus said, "For I have come to call not the righteous but sinners."**



# **MATTHEW'S CALL**

**Matthew, more than any disciple, knew what following Jesus would cost**

**By answering the call, unemployment guaranteed, his lucrative income would be lost**

**Following the Savior, in this new life, resulted for him in no turning back**

**Becoming a disciple radically transformed; meant a new direction and different track.**

**From being despised, to Christ's disciple, for Matthew was a thrill**

**Now given purpose, by the Son of God, he would use his every skill**

**As record keeper for Jesus, using his pen, would become his finest hour**

**And the crowd stood amazed, by the blessing on Matthew, Jesus the Christ did shower.**

**That we are all, a work in progress, Matthew's story does truly point out**

**God's children are, the work of His hand, given purpose without doubt**

**It is a matter of listening for His gentle call, beckoning softly in the night**

**And following with obedience, as He illuminates our paths, with His transforming light.**

**Do you hear the voice of Jesus saying, "Come and follow me"**

**Are you willing to approach the cross of Christ and bow on bended knee**

**And, like Matthew, walk resolutely forever by Jesus' side**

**Spreading the good news of salvation to others on life's journey, both far and wide?**