

Commentary on the Gospel for Fri, Oct 28th 2011

Jesus called each disciple by name. Each disciple has his own personal encounter with Jesus. Peter, Andrew, James and John were mending their nets when Jesus called them. Matthew was sitting in his customs table when he was asked to follow Jesus. The rest of the disciples share the similar experiences of being personally called. It was a personal call, a personal vocation, but every personal call is always in the context of the community. Part of the call of Jesus is to be his disciples and form a community. Coming from different backgrounds and with different interests, the disciples may not have expected that a tax collector like Matthew will sit side by side with Simon the Zealot. We are all called and Jesus brought us together. Wonder at the mystery of our call and the beauty of the community.

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