



St. Matthew (First Century)
Patron Saint of Financial Professionals

Accountants, bankers, financial advisers, and all others involved in finance (including tax collectors) have the apostle Matthew as their patron saint.

Matthew was collecting taxes in the town of Capernaum when Jesus entered the customs house and said to him, "Follow me" (Mt 9:9). At once Matthew left his bags of coins and piles of ledger books and joined the band of apostles.

Matthew's Gospel is addressed particularly to his fellow Jews. He filled it with quotations from the prophets to prove that Jesus Christ is the long-awaited Messiah. According to tradition, St. Matthew preached in Ethiopia, where he was martyred as he said Mass.

Feast Day: September 21

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