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Topics for our Conversation on September 17, 2023

1. Facts and conjectures about when the gospel was written.
2. Why is it first among the four gospels?
3. Who was St. Matthew?
4. What exactly were the responsibilities of a tax collector in the time of Jesus?
5. Why were tax collectors despised?
6. What was Matthew's overarching purpose in writing this gospel?
7. Let's consider specific passages that suggest Matthew wanted to underscore the Jewish heritage of Jesus.
8. How does he show that Jew and Gentile alike can follow Jesus?

9. When you think of Matthew, are there specific elements of his Jesus narrative that you particularly like and why?