

gathered to hear him and to be healed of their infirmities. ¹⁶But ⁿhe would withdraw to desolate places and ⁿpray.

Jesus Heals a Paralytic

¹⁷On one of those days, as he was teaching, Pharisees and ^oteachers of the law were sitting there, who had come from every village of Galilee and Judea and from Jerusalem. And ^pthe power of the Lord was with him to heal. ¹⁸And behold, some men were bringing ^ron a bed a man who was paralyzed, and they were seeking to bring him in and lay him before Jesus, ¹⁹but finding no way to bring him in, because of the crowd, they went up on ^sthe roof and let him down with his bed ^tthrough the tiles into the midst before Jesus. ²⁰And ^uwhen he saw their faith, he said, "Man, ^vyour sins are forgiven you." ²¹And the scribes and the Pharisees began to question, saying, "Who is this who speaks ^wblasphemies? ^xWho can forgive sins but God alone?" ²²When Jesus ^yperceived their thoughts, he answered them, "Why do you question in your hearts? ²³Which is easier, to say, 'Your sins are forgiven you,' or to say, 'Rise and walk'? ²⁴But that you may know that ^zthe Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins"—he said to the man who was paralyzed—"I say to you, rise, pick up your bed and go home." ²⁵And immediately he rose up before them and picked up what he had been lying on and went home, ^aglorifying God. ²⁶And amazement seized them all, and they ^aglorified God and were filled ^awith awe, saying, "We have seen extraordinary things today."

Jesus Calls Levi

²⁷After this he went out and saw ^ca tax collector named ^dLevi, sitting at the tax booth. And he said to him, "Follow me." ²⁸And ^eleaving everything, he rose and followed him.

²⁹And Levi made him a great feast in his house, and there was a large company ^fof tax collectors and others reclining at table with them. ³⁰And the Pharisees and ^gtheir scribes grumbled at his disciples, saying, ^h"Why do you eat and drink with tax collectors and sinners?" ³¹And Jesus answered them, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. ³²I have not come to call the righteous ^jbut sinners ^kto repentance."

A Question About Fasting

³³And they said to him, ^l"The disciples of John ^mfast often and ^moffer prayers, ⁿand so do the disciples of the Pharisees,

^{5:16} ⁿ Mark 1:35; See Matt. 14:23

^{5:17} ^o ch. 2:46; Acts 5:34; 1 Tim. 1:7 (Gk.); [Matt. 22:35]

^p See ch. 8:46

^{5:18} ^q For ver. 18-26, see Matt. 9:2-8; Mark 2:3-12 ^r Mark 6:55

^{5:19} ^s Deut. 22:8; 1 Sam. 9:25; Neh. 8:16; Matt. 10:27; 24:17; Acts 10:9

^t [Mark 2:4]

^{5:20} ^u ch. 7:9, 50; 17:19; 18:42; Matt. 8:10, 13; 9:22, 29; 15:28; Mark 10:52; Acts 3:16; 14:9; James 5:15 ^v ch. 7:48; [John 5:14]

^{5:21} ^w Matt. 26:65; John 10:36 ^x Ps. 32:5; Isa. 43:25

^{5:22} ^y See John 2:25

^{5:24} ^z [ch. 6:5]

^{5:25} ^a See ch. 7:16

^{5:26} ^a [See ver. 25 above]

^{5:27} ^b For ver. 27-38, see Matt. 9:9-17; Mark 2:14-22

^c Matt. 11:19; See Matt. 5:46 ^d [Matt. 9:9]

^{5:28} ^e [ver. 11]

^{5:29} ^f [ch. 15:1, 2]

^{5:30} ^g Acts 4:5; 23:9

^h ch. 15:2; Matt. 11:19

^{5:32} ⁱ [ch. 15:7; John 9:39] ^j 1 Tim. 1:15

^k ch. 13:3, 5; 15:10; 24:47; Matt. 4:17; 11:20; Mark 1:15; Acts 5:31

^{5:33} ^l ch. 11:1; Matt. 11:2; 14:12; John 1:35; 3:25; 4:1; [Acts 18:25; 19:3] ^m ch. 2:37 ⁿ ch. 18:12

^{5:34} ^o John 3:29

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