

“Fasting ... Or Feasting?”

The Calling Of Levi (Matthew) And What Came Of It

Luke 5:27-39

All three Gospels record a close link between the healing of the瘫痪者 and the calling of Levi/Matthew (see Mt. 9:9 & Mk. 2:13). Could it be that Matthew was part of “the crowd” (5:19) making a tearoff of Peter’s roof necessary to get this瘫痪者 to Jesus? Whatever the case may be, incorporating Matthew into the church roused investigation from “the Pharisees and their scribes” (v 30) and clarification from Jesus himself. Today we consider the questions around feasting and fasting, and Jesus informative description of the salvation that centers on his person and work!

I. Jesus the _____: the _____ of Matthew the _____ (v 27-32).

- 1) Matthew was a _____, i.e. a _____ sinner.
- 2) The Romans _____ - _____ taxation, awarding _____.
- 3) We ought to see _____ in Matthew, sitting in the taxbooth of our _____.
- 4) Notice this passage teaches _____, effective _____, _____ and faith in Christ leading to joyful worship and witness at a _____ (Ju. 12).
- 5) The _____: Jesus did not practice segregation but _____.
- 6) What are you doing to reach out to _____ outside the church?

II. Jesus the _____: the _____ around food (v 33-35).

- 1) There was a _____ of tax collectors Jesus ate with at the feast.
- 2) The second objection: his disciples _____ too much.
- 3) Ryken calls these Pharisees “those _____ of the New Testament.”
- 4) Jesus did not _____ his disciples to fast (arousing criticism, 7:33-34) but anticipated _____ when they would employ this ORDINANCE (Joel 2:12).

III. Jesus the _____: the covenant that exhibits _____ (v 36-39, Jer. 31:31).

- 1) This parable is really _____ parables saying out with the _____, in with the _____.
- 2) New _____: don’t _____ Jesus onto existing “salvation garments” (Is. 61:10).
- 3) New _____: don’t _____ Jesus in your old understanding.
- 4) New _____: Jesus’ ministry is _____ (Ps. 4:7) filled with the Holy Spirit (Eph. 5:18).
- 5) Come to Jesus and celebrate your _____ in him!