

# “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 paralytic 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 paralytic 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!