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Levi (Matthew) Called

14 As He passed by, He saw ^[a]Levi the *son* of Alphaeus sitting in the tax booth, and He **said* to him, "Follow Me!" And he got up and followed Him.

15 And it **[b]*happened that He was reclining *at the table* in his house, and many tax collectors and ^[c]sinners ^[d]were dining with Jesus and His disciples; for there were many of them, and they were following Him. **16** When the scribes of the Pharisees saw that He was eating with the sinners and tax collectors, they said to His disciples, "Why is He eating and drinking with tax collectors and ^[e]sinners?" **17** And hearing *this*, Jesus **said* to them, "*It is* not those who are healthy who need a physician, but those who are sick; I did not come to call the righteous, but sinners."

18 John's disciples and the Pharisees were fasting; and they **came* and **said* to Him, "Why do John's disciples and the disciples of the Pharisees fast, but Your disciples do not fast?" **19** And Jesus said to them, "While the bridegroom is with them, ^[f]the attendants of the bridegroom cannot fast, can they? So long as they have the bridegroom with them, they cannot fast. **20** But the days will come when the bridegroom is taken away from them, and then they will fast in that day.

21 "No one sews ^[g]a patch of unshrunk cloth on an old garment; otherwise ^[h]the patch pulls away from it, the new from the old, and a worse tear results. **22** No one puts new wine into old wineskins; otherwise the wine will burst the skins, and the wine is lost and the skins *as well*; but *one puts* new wine into fresh wineskins."

Question of the Sabbath

23 And it happened that He was passing through the grainfields on the Sabbath, and His disciples began to make their way along while picking the heads *of grain*. **24** The Pharisees were saying to Him, “Look, why are they doing what is not lawful on the Sabbath?” **25** And He *said* to them, “Have you never read what David did when he was in need and he and his companions became hungry; **26** how he entered the house of God in the time of Abiathar *the high priest*, and ate the *unconsecrated bread*, which is not lawful for *anyone* to eat except the priests, and he also gave it to those who were with him?” **27** Jesus said to them, “The Sabbath *was made for man*, and not man *for the Sabbath*. **28** So the Son of Man is Lord even of the Sabbath.”

Footnotes:

- a. **Mark 2:14** also called *Matthew*
- b. **Mark 2:15** Lit *happens*
- c. **Mark 2:15** I.e. irreligious Jews
- d. **Mark 2:15** Lit *were reclining with*
- e. **Mark 2:16** I.e. irreligious Jews
- f. **Mark 2:19** Lit *sons of the bridal-chamber*
- g. **Mark 2:21** Lit *that which is put on*
- h. **Mark 2:21** Lit *that which fills up*
- i. **Mark 2:26** Or *showbread*; lit *loaves of presentation*
- j. **Mark 2:27** Or *came into being*
- k. **Mark 2:27** Lit *because for the sake of*
- l. **Mark 2:27** Lit *because for the sake of*

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