



The Life of Jesus

A CHRONOLOGICAL STUDY

Lesson 31: Hospital or museum? Where do you hang out? Luke 5:27-39/Matthew 9:14-17

I. Luke 5:27-32

A. v.27 - Is he Matthew or Levi? Yes

B. John MacArthur explains there were two types of tax collectors:

1. Gabbai – Collected general taxes (property tax, income tax, etc.) – not as easy to skim off the top - Today they assist in holding the Torah in Jewish worship

2. Mokhes – These were subdivided into a) Great Mokhes and b) Little Mokhes

- Great Mokhes had “the franchise” for collecting taxes for anything that moved along the export/import pathways (across the lake, along the roads, etc.) - Much easier to adjust the price

- Zacchaeus was likely the Great Mokhe for Jericho

C. We’ve already encountered them with JTB and the “hired guns” they used to enforce the collection
Luke 3:12-14

D. Levi was apparently a Little Mokhe because he was “sitting at the tax booth” - All tax collectors were Jews and seen as scalawags not carpetbaggers

E. v.28 - Like the others, he left everything to follow Jesus

F. v.29 - Dinner at Levi’s house - Mark says they were “reclining” which means it was much more of an intimate dinner

G. v.30 – Luke wants us to see the disciples got the scorn from the “church folk” for eating with the less desirable - We could (should) expect the same

H. Hebrews 6:1-8

I. C.S. Lewis’ *Mere Christianity* – Book I Chapter 5 “We Have Cause to be Uneasy”

II. Luke 5:33-39/Matthew 9:14-17

33 *And they said to him, “The disciples of John fast often and offer prayers, and so do the disciples of the Pharisees, but yours eat and drink.”* **Luke**

15 *And Jesus said to them, “Can the wedding guests mourn as long as the bridegroom is with them? The days will come when the bridegroom is taken away from them, and then they will fast.”* **Matthew**

36 *He also told them a parable: “No one tears a piece from a new garment and puts it on an old garment. If he does, he will tear the new, and the piece from the new will not match the old. 37 And no one puts new wine into old wineskins. If he does, the new wine will burst the skins and it will be spilled, and the skins will be destroyed. 38 But new wine must be put into fresh wineskins. 39 And no one after drinking old wine desires new, for he says, ‘The old is good.’”* **Luke**

A. New Testament fasting? Acts 13:1-4 and Acts 14:19 -23

B. Matthew 9:15 - What is a “mourning bridegroom”? Hosea 2:16-23

C. v.35 - bridegroom will “be taken” - Only used in NT with these parables - Root word “rise up”

- You can't take the Old Covenant and pour it into the New Covenant

III. My “Take Aways”

- How often do I fear the wrath of a Pharisee than the command of my Lord?
- We live under the new wineskins and not the old
- I want to be in the hospital and not the museum

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