

Matthew 9

Vs 1-2

Sin is the root of all human suffering. Not necessarily sins of commission or omission but our sinfulness or condition. Romans 5:12-14.

“Your sins are being forgiven...” present tense

Sinners get sick and only sinners get sick. Jesus has come to save us from our sins and the effects of sin.

Vs 3-7

In stark contrast to the friends and paralytic who approach Jesus in faith, is the scribes who accuse Jesus. Jesus saw their faith and Jesus saw their evil thoughts.

Not “to do” but to say “Your sins are forgiven or Get up and walk.”

Vs 8

Best translation “to the realms of men.”

Vs 9-13

Jesus doesn't call Matthew AFTER he gives everything up or his evil trade, but in the midst of it!

Tax collectors and sinners. Those who publicly and flagrantly violated God's Law, also people who despised the Pharisees interpretation of Scripture.

Everyone is equal when Jesus eats with you. Colonel and homeless man in England at the communion rail.

Vs 14-17

Not about fasting, this is about the identity of Jesus.

John 3:29 Baptizer called Jesus the Bridegroom, In effect Jesus is saying “Your teacher told you who I am, why do you not believe him?”

Wedding Feast: Joyful events that lasted 7 days or more! Restore relationship between Yahweh and His people is compared to that of husband and wife Is 54:5-6, 62:4-5. This was a future event in the OT, now Jesus is saying that day is here! Jesus is claiming to be God! Mt 22 or 25 banquets. Only God is the Bridegroom in Scripture. His disciples are not one group among many in Israel, that they should fast like the rest. The wedding feast has begun!

Danger: They are in danger of taking something new- Jesus Himself- and simply adding Him or stitching Him onto their old way of life in Judaism. Jesus is not a patch. He is fulfillment of Scripture!

Old wineskins are the old theologies of Pharisees and John's lingering disciples. Jesus is not something to just be poured into the old, something new is here! Tearing and pouring also give us imagery of the Passion. 26:28, 26:65.

When high priest tears his robes as a sign of righteous indignation at Jesus, we are to take that as a sign that high priest refuses to let the new wine of Jesus being placed in the new wineskins of faith in Jesus.

Vs 18-26

Verb used is save.

Vs 27-31

Only the blind see! No one else has addressed Jesus as Matthew says in 1:1. They saw Jesus as the Messiah and are now literally see Jesus.

What kind of Son of David will Jesus be? They haven't fully seen that yet and are no to go out to tell others.