

Luke 5:27-35

Jesus Calls Levi

²⁷ After this he went out and saw a tax-collector named Levi, sitting at the tax booth; and he said to him, 'Follow me.' ²⁸ And he got up, left everything, and followed him.

²⁹ Then Levi gave a great banquet for him in his house; and there was a large crowd of tax-collectors and others sitting at the table with them. ³⁰ The Pharisees and their scribes were complaining to his disciples, saying, 'Why do you eat and drink with tax-collectors and sinners?' ³¹ Jesus answered, 'Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick; ³² I have come to call not the righteous but sinners to repentance.'

The Question about Fasting

³³ Then they said to him, 'John's disciples, like the disciples of the Pharisees, frequently fast and pray, but your disciples eat and drink.' ³⁴ Jesus said to them, 'You cannot make wedding-guests fast while the bridegroom is with them, can you? ³⁵ The days will come when the bridegroom will be taken away from them, and then they will fast in those days.'

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