

The Life and Mission of Jesus Christ on Earth

Lesson Nine -- Luke 4:42-44; 5:12-39; Mark 1:35-45; 2:1-22; Matt. 4:23-25; 8:2-4; 9:1-17

Summary of Lesson

In our previous lesson we left Jesus in Capernaum at sunset, still healing people of various diseases. In this lesson we find Jesus early the next morning leaving Capernaum to go to a desert place for solitude and prayer. The crowds found Him, though, and He announced to His disciples that He would go to preach in the other cities of Galilee also. Matthew informs us that He went about in all Galilee teaching in the synagogues, preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all manner of sickness and disease. Matthew does not deal with the details of these travels, but both Mark and Luke give a more complete description of the activities of Jesus on these journeys. Somewhere in His travels He healed a leper which forced Him to flee temporarily into desert places. Following this, He reentered Capernaum where He healed the palsied man that was let down to Him through the rooftop, and, as a consequence, argued for His power to forgive sins. We are then told that Jesus went down by the seaside where He selected Levi (Matthew, cf. Matt. 9:9-17 for Matthew's own account of this) to be one of His disciples. At a feast given by Levi (Matthew), Jesus ate with publicans and sinners, defending His right to do so. At this feast He also answered inquiries of some scribes and Pharisees concerning differences between the disciples of John (the Baptizer) and His own disciples, and showed that He did not intend to allow them to force His teaching and practices into their pattern of how they thought it should be.

Luke 4:42-44

{42} Now when it was day, He departed and went into a deserted place. And the crowd sought Him and came to Him, and tried to keep Him from leaving them; {43} but He said to them, "I must preach the kingdom of God to the other cities also, because for this purpose I have been sent." {44} And He was preaching in the synagogues of Galilee.

Luke 5:12-39

{12} And it happened when He was in a certain city, that behold, a man who was full of leprosy saw Jesus; and he fell on his face and implored Him, saying, "Lord, if You are willing, You can make me clean." {13} Then He put out His hand and touched him, saying, "I am willing; be cleansed." Immediately the leprosy left him. {14} And He charged him to tell no one, "But go and show yourself to the priest, and make an offering for your cleansing, as a testimony to them, just as Moses commanded." {15} However, the report went around concerning Him all the more; and great multitudes came together to hear, and to be healed by Him of their infirmities.

{16} So He Himself often withdrew into the wilderness and prayed. {17} Now it happened on a certain day, as He was teaching, that there were Pharisees and teachers of the law sitting by, who had come out of every town of Galilee, Judea, and Jerusalem. And the power of the Lord was present to heal them. {18} Then behold, men brought on a bed a man who was paralyzed, whom they sought to bring in and lay before Him. {19} And when they could not find how they might bring him in, because of the crowd, they went up on the housetop and let him down with his bed through the tiling into the midst before Jesus. {20} When He saw their faith, He said to him, "Man, your sins are forgiven you." {21} And the scribes and the Pharisees began to reason, saying, "Who is this who speaks blasphemies? Who can forgive sins but God alone?" {22} But when Jesus perceived their thoughts, He answered and said to them, "Why are you reasoning in your hearts? {23} "Which is easier, to say, 'Your sins are forgiven you,' or to say, 'Rise up and walk'? {24} "But that you may know that the Son of Man has power on earth to forgive sins"; He said to the man who was

paralyzed, "I say to you, arise, take up your bed, and go to your house." {25} Immediately he rose up before them, took up what he had been lying on, and departed to his own house, glorifying God. {26} And they were all amazed, and they glorified God and were filled with fear, saying, "We have seen strange things today!" {27} After these things He went out and saw a tax collector named Levi, sitting at the tax office. And He said to him, "Follow Me." {28} So he left all, rose up, and followed Him. {29} Then Levi gave Him a great feast in his own house. And there were a great number of tax collectors and others who sat down with them. {30} And their scribes and the Pharisees complained against His disciples, saying, "Why do You eat and drink with tax collectors and sinners?" {31} Jesus answered and said to them, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. {32} "I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners, to repentance." {33} Then they said to Him, "Why do the disciples of John fast often and make prayers, and likewise those of the Pharisees, but Yours eat and drink?" {34} And He said to them, "Can you make the friends of the bridegroom fast while the bridegroom is with them? {35} "But the days will come when the bridegroom will be taken away from them; then they will fast in those days." {36} Then He spoke a parable to them: "No one puts a piece from a new garment on an old one; otherwise the new makes a tear, and also the piece that was taken out of the new does not match the old. {37} "And no one puts new wine into old wineskins; or else the new wine will burst the wineskins and be spilled, and the wineskins will be ruined. {38} "But new wine must be put into new wineskins, and both are preserved. {39} "And no one, having drunk old wine, immediately desires new; for he says, 'The old is better.'"

Mark 1:35-45

{35} Now in the morning, having risen a long while before daylight, He went out and departed to a solitary place; and there He prayed. {36} And Simon and those who were with Him searched for Him. {37} When they found Him, they said to Him, "Everyone is looking for You." {38} But He

said to them, "Let us go into the next towns, that I may preach there also, because for this purpose I have come forth." {39} And He was preaching in their synagogues throughout all Galilee, and casting out demons. {40} Now a leper came to Him, imploring Him, kneeling down to Him and saying to Him, "If You are willing, You can make me clean." {41} Then Jesus, moved with compassion, stretched out His hand and touched him, and said to him, "I am willing; be cleansed." {42} As soon as He had spoken, immediately the leprosy left him, and he was cleansed. {43} And He strictly warned him and sent him away at once, {44} and said to him, "See that you say nothing to anyone; but go your way, show yourself to the priest, and offer for your cleansing those things which Moses commanded, as a testimony to them." {45} However, he went out and began to proclaim it freely, and to spread the matter, so that Jesus could no longer openly enter the city, but was outside in deserted places; and they came to Him from every direction.

Mark 2:1-22

{1} And again He entered Capernaum after some days, and it was heard that He was in the house. {2} Immediately many gathered together, so that there was no longer room to receive them, not even near the door. And He preached the word to them. {3} Then they came to Him, bringing a paralytic who was carried by four men. {4} And when they could not come near Him because of the crowd, they uncovered the roof where He was. So when they had broken through, they let down the bed on which the paralytic was lying. {5} When Jesus saw their faith, He said to the paralytic, "Son, your sins are forgiven you." {6} And some of the scribes were sitting there and reasoning in their hearts, {7} "Why does this Man speak blasphemies like this? Who can forgive sins but God alone?" {8} But immediately, when Jesus perceived in His spirit that they reasoned thus within themselves, He said to them, "Why do you reason about these things in your hearts? {9} "Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, 'Your sins are forgiven you,' or to say, 'Arise, take up your bed and walk'? {10} "But that you may know that the Son of Man has

power on earth to forgive sins"; He said to the paralytic, {11} "I say to you, arise, take up your bed, and go to your house." {12} Immediately he arose, took up the bed, and went out in the presence of them all, so that all were amazed and glorified God, saying, "We never saw anything like this!" {13} Then He went out again by the sea; and all the multitude came to Him, and He taught them. {14} As He passed by, He saw Levi the son of Alphaeus sitting at the tax office. And He said to him, "Follow Me." So he arose and followed Him. {15} Now it happened, as He was dining in Levi's house, that many tax collectors and sinners also sat together with Jesus and His disciples; for there were many, and they followed Him. {16} And when the scribes and Pharisees saw Him eating with the tax collectors and sinners, they said to His disciples, "How is it that He eats and drinks with tax collectors and sinners?" {17} When Jesus heard it, He said to them, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. I did not come to call the righteous, but sinners, to repentance." {18} The disciples of John and of the Pharisees were fasting. Then they came and said to Him, "Why do the disciples of John and of the Pharisees fast, but Your disciples do not fast?" {19} And Jesus said to them, "Can the friends of the bridegroom fast while the bridegroom is with them? As long as they have the bridegroom with them they cannot fast. {20} "But the days will come when the bridegroom will be taken away from them, and then they will fast in those days. {21} "No one sews a piece of unshrunk cloth on an old garment; or else the new piece pulls away from the old, and the tear is made worse. {22} "And no one puts new wine into old wineskins; or else the new wine bursts the wineskins, the wine is spilled, and the wineskins are ruined. But new wine must be put into new wineskins."

Matthew 4:23-25

{23} And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all kinds of sickness and all kinds of disease among the people. {24} Then His fame went throughout all

Syria; and they brought to Him all sick people who were afflicted with various diseases and torments, and those who were demon-possessed, epileptics, and paralytics; and He healed them. {25} Great multitudes followed Him; from Galilee, and from Decapolis, Jerusalem, Judea, and beyond the Jordan.

Matthew 8:2-4

And behold, a leper came and worshipped Him, saying, "Lord, if You are willing, You can make me clean." {3} Then Jesus put out His hand and touched him, saying, "I am willing; be cleansed." Immediately his leprosy was cleansed. {4} And Jesus said to him, "See that you tell no one; but go your way, show yourself to the priest, and offer the gift that Moses commanded, as a testimony to them."

Matthew 9:1-17

{1} So He got into a boat, crossed over, and came to His own city. {2} Then behold, they brought to Him a paralytic lying on a bed. When Jesus saw their faith, He said to the paralytic, "Son, be of good cheer; your sins are forgiven you." {3} And at once some of the scribes said within themselves, "This Man blasphemes!" {4} But Jesus, knowing their thoughts, said, "Why do you think evil in your hearts? {5} "For which is easier, to say, 'Your sins are forgiven you,' or to say, 'Arise and walk'? {6} "But that you may know that the Son of Man has power on earth to forgive sins"; then He said to the paralytic, "Arise, take up your bed, and go to your house." {7} And he arose and departed to his house. {8} Now when the multitudes saw it, they marveled and glorified God, who had given such power to men. {9} As Jesus passed on from there, He saw a man named Matthew sitting at the tax office. And He said to him, "Follow Me." So he arose and followed Him. {10} Now it happened, as Jesus sat at the table in the house, that behold, many tax collectors and sinners came and sat down with Him and His disciples. {11} And when the Pharisees saw it, they said to His disciples, "Why does your Teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" {12} When Jesus heard that, He said to them, "Those who are well have no need of a

physician, but those who are sick. {13} "But go and learn what this means: 'I desire mercy and not sacrifice.' For I did not come to call the righteous, but sinners, to repentance." {14} Then the disciples of John came to Him, saying, "Why do we and the Pharisees fast often, but Your disciples do not fast?" {15} And Jesus said to them, "Can the friends of the bridegroom mourn as long as the bridegroom is with them? But the days will come when the bridegroom will be taken away from them, and then they will fast. {16} "No one puts a piece of unshrunk cloth on an old garment; for the patch pulls away from the garment, and the tear is made worse. {17} "Nor do they put new wine into old wineskins, or else the wineskins break, the wine is spilled, and the wineskins are ruined. But they put new wine into new wineskins, and both are preserved."

Questions on Lesson Nine

1. Of what did the scribes who heard and saw Jesus forgive the palsied man of his sins accuse Jesus? How did Jesus prove He was not guilty of this charge?
2. Into what do men put new wine?
3. Who came into the wilderness looking for Jesus after He had gone out there early in the morning?
4. Jesus said: "I will have _____, and not _____." To what was Jesus referring in this statement?
5. What did those who witnessed the healing of the palsied man say (not the scribes)?
6. Jesus came to call sinners to what?
7. When Jesus went about in all Galilee, what did He preach?
8. Who was Levi's father?
9. What instructions did Jesus give the leper whom He healed?
10. How many men brought the palsied man to Jesus?
11. What is the meaning of Jesus' teaching in Luke 5:36-39?
12. The fame of Jesus went throughout all _____.
13. When Jesus perceived the faith of the ones who let the palsied man down through the roof at Capernaum, what did He say to the palsied man?
14. From where did the multitudes who followed Jesus come?
15. What did Levi do for Jesus?
16. How did Jesus answer the Pharisees who questioned His eating with the publicans and the sinners?
17. Where did Jesus go after healing the palsied man in Capernaum?
18. What statement did the leper make indicating his faith in Jesus?