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(38) And He arose out of the synagogue, and entered into Simon's house. And Simon's wife's mother was taken with a great fever;ⁱ and they called Him for her.

(39) And He stood over her, and rebuked the fever; and it left her: and immediately she arose and ministered to them.

(40) Now when the sun was setting, all those who had any sick with various diseases brought them to Him; and He laid His hands on every one of them, and healed them.

(41) And demons also came out of many, crying out, and saying, You are Christ the Son of God. And He rebuking *them* did not allow them to speak: because they knew that He was Christ.

(42) And when it was day, He departed and went into a desert place: and the people sought Him, and came to Him, and they wanted Him to stay, so that He should not depart from them.

(43) But He said to them, **I must preach the kingdom of God to other cities also: because this is why I have been sent.**

(44) And He preached in the synagogues of Galilee.

Chapter 5

(1) And it came to pass, that, as the people pressed upon Him to hear the word of God, He stood by the lake of Gennesaret {Sea of Galilee},^a

(2) And saw two ships standing by the lake: but the fishermen were gone out of them, and were washing *their* nets.

(3) And He entered into one of the ships, which was Simon's, and requested of him that he would thrust out a little from the land. And He sat down, and taught the people out of the ship.

(4) Now when He had finished speaking, He said to Simon, **Launch out into the deep, and let down your nets for a catch.**

(5) But Simon answering said to Him, Master, we have toiled all the night, and have taken nothing: nevertheless at Your word I will let down the net.

(6) And when they had done this, they enclosed a great multitude of fish: and their net broke.^b

(7) And they motioned to *their* partners, who were in the other ship, that they should come and help them. And they came, and filled both the ships, so that they began to sink.

(8) When Simon Peter saw *it*, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, Depart from me; because I am a sinful man, O Lord.

(9) Because he was astonished, and all who were with him, at the catch of the fish which they had taken:

(10) And so *was* also James, and John, the sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. And Jesus said to Simon, **Do not be afraid; from now on you shall catch men.**

(11) And when they had brought their ships to land, they left all, and followed Him.

4:38i – Simon's mother-in-law – Mat. 8:14; Mark 1:30 – See Appendix A: Recorded Miracles in the Bible

5:1a – lake of Gennesaret – Sea of Galilee

5:6b – draught of fish – see Appendix A: Recorded Miracles in the Bible

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(12) And it came to pass, when He was in a certain city, a man full of leprosy: who seeing Jesus fell on *his* face, and begged Him, saying, Lord, if You will, You can make me clean.

(13) And He put forth *His* hand, and touched him, saying, **I will: be clean.** And immediately the leprosy departed from him.

(14) And He charged him to tell no man: **but go, and show yourself to the priest, and offer for your cleansing, according as Moses commanded, for a testimony to them.**^c

(15) But His fame went out so much the more abroad: and great multitudes came together to hear, and to be healed by Him of their diseases and handicaps.

(16) And He withdrew Himself into the wilderness, and prayed.

(17) And it came to pass on a certain day, as He was teaching, that there were Pharisees and doctors of the law sitting by, who had come out of every town of Galilee, and Judea, and Jerusalem: and the power of the Lord was *present* to heal them.

(18) And, men brought on a bed a man who was taken with a paralysis and they sought *means* to bring him in, and to lay *him* before Him.

(19) And when they could not find a *way* that they might bring him in because of the multitude, they went upon the housetop, and let him down through the tiling with *his* couch into the midst before Jesus.^d

(20) And 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 {claims to be God}?^e Who can forgive sins, but God alone?

(22) But when Jesus perceived their thoughts, He answering said to them, **What do you reason in your hearts?**^f

(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 upon earth to forgive sins, (He said to the sick of the paralysis,) I say to you, Arise, and take up your bed, and return to your house.**

(25) And immediately he rose up before them, and picked up the bed upon which he lay, 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) **And after these things He went forth, and saw a tax collector, named Levi,^g sitting at the receipt of custom: and He said to him, Follow Me.**

(28) **And he left all, rose up, and followed Him.**

(29) **And Levi made for Him a great feast in his own house: and there was a great company of tax collectors and of others who sat down with them.**

(30) **But their scribes and Pharisees murmured against His disciples, saying, Why do you eat and drink with tax collectors and sinners?**

5:14c - Lev. 14 – see also Appendix A: Recorded Miracles in the Bible

5:19d – Mark 2:4f – see Appendix A: Recorded Miracles in the Bible

5:21e - blasphemies – since Jesus told the man his sins were forgiven they accused Jesus of blasphemy – blasphemy is claiming to be God or claiming God’s authority. If Jesus was not God, He was guilty, but since He is God, they were wrong. – Mat. 9:3
- see Lev. 24:11, 16

5:22f – Jesus perceived their thoughts and answered them – notice it never occurs to them to question how He knew their thoughts

5:27g – Levi – also called Matthew – see list of disciples at the end of Matthew

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(31) And Jesus answering said to them, Those who are whole do not need a physician: but those who are sick

(32) I did not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance.^h

(33) And they said to Him, Why do the disciples of John fast often, and make prayers, and likewise *the disciples* of the Pharisees; but Yours eat and drink?

(34) And He said to them, Can you make the wedding guests fast, while the bridegroom is with them?

(35) But the days will come, when the bridegroom will be taken away from them, and then they will fast in those days.

(36) And He spoke also a parable to them; No man puts a piece of a new cloth upon an old; because, the new makes a tear, and the piece that was *taken* out of the new does not agree with the old.ⁱ

(37) And no man puts new wine into old wine bottles; else the new wine will burst the bottles, and be spilled, and the bottles shall perish.^j

(38) But new wine must be put into new wine bottles; and both are preserved.

(39) No man also having drunk old *wine* right away desires new: because he says, The old is better.

Chapter 6

(1) And it came to pass on the second sabbath {Saturday} after the first, that He went through the corn fields; and His disciples plucked the ears of corn, and ate, rubbing *them* in *their* hands.

(2) And certain of the Pharisees said to them, Why do you do that which is not lawful to do on the sabbath days {Saturdays}.

(3) And Jesus answering them said, Have you not read so much as this, what David did, when he himself was hungry, and those who were with him;

(4) How he went into the house {tabernacle} of God, and took and ate the holy bread, and gave also to those who were with him; which it is not lawful to eat except for the priests alone?^a

(5) And He said to them, The Son of man is Lord also of the sabbath {Saturday}.

(6) And it came to pass also on another sabbath {Saturday}, that He entered into the synagogue and taught: and there was a man whose right hand was withered.^b

(7) And the scribes and Pharisees watched Him, whether He would heal on the sabbath day {Saturday}; that they might find an accusation against Him.

5:32h – see note on Mat. 9:13; Luke 18:10-14

5:36i – Mat. 9:16 – see Appendix B: Recorded Parables of Jesus

5:37j – Mat. 9:17

6:4a - I Sam. 21:1-6

6:6b – withered hand – Mat. 12:9; Mark 3:11 – see Appendix A: Recorded Miracles in the Bible