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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