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Chapter 2

- (1) And again he entered into Capernaum after *some* days; and it was noised that he was in the house.
- (2) And straightway many were gathered together, insomuch that there was no room to receive *them*, no, not so much as about the door: and he preached the word unto them.
- (3) And they come unto him, bringing one sick of the palsy, which was borne of four.
- (4) And when they could not come nigh unto him for the press, they uncovered the roof where he was: and when they had broken *it* up, they let down the bed wherein the sick of the palsy lay.
- (5) When Jesus saw their faith, he said unto the sick of the palsy, Son, thy sins be forgiven thee.
- (6) But there were certain of the scribes sitting there, and reasoning in their hearts,
- (7) Why doth this *man* thus speak blasphemies? who can forgive sins but God only?
- (8) And immediately when Jesus perceived in his spirit that they so reasoned within themselves, he said unto them, Why reason ye these things in your hearts?
- (9) Whether is it easier to say to the sick of the palsy, *Thy* sins be forgiven thee; or to say, Arise, and take up thy bed, and walk?
- (10) But that ye may know that the Son of man hath power on earth to forgive sins, (he saith to the sick of the palsy,)
- (11) I say unto thee, Arise, and take up thy bed, and go thy way into thine house.

King James Paraphrase

Chapter 2

- (1) And again He entered into Capernaum after *some* days; and it was told that He was in the house.
- (2) And soon many were gathered together, so much so that there was no room to receive *them*, no, not so much as even around the door: and He preached the word to them.
- (3) And they came to Him, bringing one sick with paralysis, who was carried by four {men}.^a
- (4) And when they could not come near to Him because of the crowd, they uncovered the roof above where He was: and when they had broken *it* up, they let down the bed in which the sick with paralysis lay.
- (5) When Jesus saw their faith, He said to the one sick with paralysis, Son, your sins are forgiven you.
- (6) But there were certain of the scribes sitting there, reasoning in their hearts,
- (7) Why does this *Man* speak blasphemies {claims to be God}?^b Who can forgive sins but God alone?
- (8) And immediately when Jesus perceived in His Spirit that they so reasoned within themselves, He said to them, Why do you reason these things in your hearts?
- (9) Which is easier to say to one sick with paralysis, *Your* sins are forgiven you; or to say, Arise, and 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 one sick with paralysis,)
- (11) I say to you, Arise, and take up your bed, and go your way into your house.

2:3a – Mat. 9:2; Lk. 5:18 – see Appendix A: Recorded Miracles in the Bible

2:7b – 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 – Lev. 24:11, 16

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- (12) And immediately he arose, took up the bed, and went forth before them all; insomuch that they were all amazed, and glorified God, saying, We never saw it on this fashion.
- (13) And he went forth again by the sea side; and all the multitude resorted unto him, and he taught them.
- (14) And as he passed by, he saw Levi the *son* of Alphaeus sitting at the receipt of custom, and said unto him, Follow me. And he arose and followed him.
- (15) And it came to pass, that, as Jesus sat at meat in his house, many publicans and sinners sat also together with Jesus and his disciples: for there were many, and they followed him.
- (16) And when the scribes and Pharisees saw him eat with publicans and sinners, they said unto his disciples, How is it that he eateth and drinketh with publicans and sinners?
- (17) When Jesus heard *it*, he saith unto them, They that are whole have no need of the physician, but they that are sick: I came not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance.
- (18) And the disciples of John and of the Pharisees used to fast: and they come and say unto him, Why do the disciples of John and of the Pharisees fast, but thy disciples fast not?
- (19) And Jesus said unto them, Can the children of the bridechamber fast, while the bridegroom is with them? as long as they have the bridegroom with them, they cannot fast.

King James Paraphrase

- (12) And immediately he arose, took up the bed, and went forth before them all; so much so that they were all amazed, and glorified God, saying, We have never seen anything like this.
- (13) And He went forth again by the sea side; and all the multitude came to Him, and He taught them.
- (14) And as He passed by, He saw Levi the son of Alphaeus^c sitting at the tax table, and said to him, Follow Me. And he arose and followed Him.
- (15) And it came to pass, that, as Jesus sat at meal in {Levi's} house, many tax collectors and sinners also sat together with Jesus and His disciples: because there were many, and they followed Him.
- (16) And when the scribes and Pharisees saw Him eat with tax collectors^d 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 whole have no need of the physician, but those who are sick: I came not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance.^e
- (18) And the disciples of John and of the Pharisees used to fast: and they came and said to Him, Why do the disciples of John and of the Pharisees fast, but Your disciples do not fast?^f
- (19) And Jesus said to them, Can the children of the bridegroom fast, while the bridegroom is with them? as long as they have the bridegroom with them, they cannot fast.

2:14c – Levi – son of Alphaeus – Matthew – see list of disciples at end of Matthew's gospel

2:16d – tax collectors – see Mat. 18:17

2:17e – Mat. 9:13

2:18f - Mat. 9:14f