

Scripture: God's Law (Ex. 20) – Luke 5:17-32
Singing: 53:1-5 – 69:1 – 60:1-5 – 84:1-2 – 322:1-4

If you are sick, you need to go and be with Jesus!

I. Perhaps you don't know, but you are sick!

A. Yet you are not *just* sick: Mark 7:20-23

1. Don't let your feelings or others deceive you!
2. Be honest with yourself and listen good to your conscience!

B. Do you believe Jesus' teaching: *You are sin-sick*?

II. Yet the good tidings are that Jesus came for you who are sick

A. Do you notice where Jesus was when He spoke His teaching in vs. 31-32?

1. How did that happen? Why among 'them'?
2. What is really amazing about Levi's idea? (vs. 30)

B. Do you think Jesus would be willing to 'sit with you'?

III. Jesus tells you that His place is among the sick like you

A. Do you notice what Luke wrote about Levi's former friends? (vs. 30)

B. But your Lord Jesus is different than the scribes and Pharisees: vs. 31-32

1. He tells you who are sick: *I am your soul Doctor!*
2. He tells you who think you are good: *I am no use for you if you think that!*

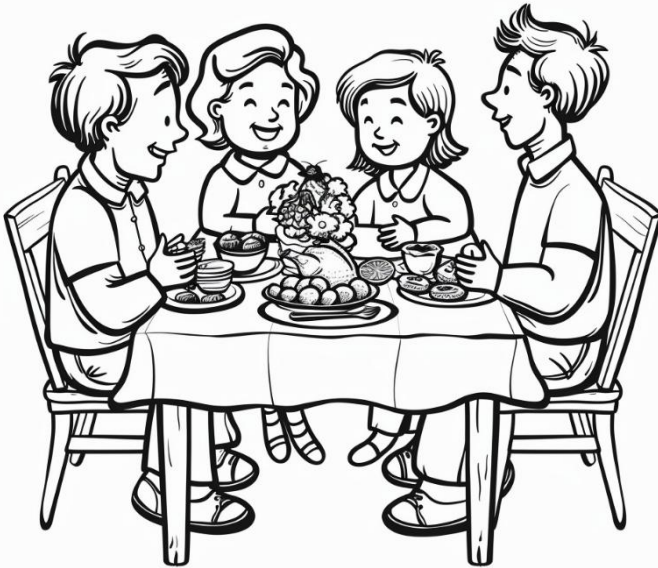
IV. Therefore if you are sick you need to go and be where Jesus is

A. Don't stay away till you are better: *your sin is like cancer*

B. Don't work on being better: *sin is never cured by what you do!*

C. Don't despair to turn to Him: *Jesus came to call sinners to repentance*

*"All that the Father give me shall come to Me;
and him that cometh to Me I will in no wise cast!" John 6:37*



Thinking ahead:

1. Many children never come to church to hear about God. What could you do to help them hear about God?

Listening along:

2. Do you believe that you are sin-sick?

3. What can you learn from Jesus sitting among Levi and his friends?

4. Why would Jesus be willing to sit with you?

Thinking Further:

5. Do you sometimes think you are not as bad as others? How does that make you act towards other children?

6. Why will working hard to make yourself better never work? What then must we do to become a new person?

7. What will you ask Jesus to be like Him: gracious, loving, humble, and kind?

8. Jesus was willing to sit with Levi's friends though most Jews hated them. I am sure there are children around you not so well liked. What will you do with them this week?