

MATTHEW 9 vs 1

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¹ And he entered a ship, and passed over, and came to his own city.

² And, behold, they brought to him a man sick of the palsy, lying on a bed:

and Jesus seeing their faith / because these are lesson of the heart, not of science. The word is: **pistis**, used 2 more times in this chapter; notice it is something seen... which means it is not just sitting and thinking about something. What is a piston? It is the moving part in the core of the engine... distributing power and driving all the parts. Faith is primarily an action... predicated on some promise the Lord God has already declared about himself, that confidently motivates an individual to action.



and Jesus seeing their faith said to the sick of the palsy; Son, have courage, your sins are forgiven.

³ And, behold, certain of the scribes / obviously these highly educated folks, meticulous about their traditions... very confident... though incredibly inaccurate... when assessing the handiwork of God;

said within themselves, **This man blasphemes.**

⁴ And Jesus knowing their thoughts said, Why do you think evil in your hearts?

⁵ For which is easier, to say, **Your sins are forgiven;** or say, **Arise, and walk?** / obviously Jesus speaks a rhetorical question with a response obvious to all.

⁶ But that you know the Son of Man has power on earth to forgive sins, then He said to the sick of the palsy,

Arise, take up your bed, and go to your house / observe the Lord's ability to multitask; when Jesus worked these miracles that His Father be accredited and honored; He always would bring the one who was healed, to a place of safety... while continuing to deal with the hard heads and faithless.

⁷ And he arose, and departed to his house.

⁸ But when the multitudes saw it,

they marveled and glorified God, who had given such power to men / without a doubt, they were awe-struck; FatherGod in heaven is amazing; the onlookers were quite fearful of what occurred,

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⁹ And as Jesus passed on from there, he saw a man, named Matthew sitting at the custom office desk: and he said to him, Join Me / his name at its Hebrew root means: **How long?**

And he arose and joined Him / Matthew who wrote this book, simply did what Jesus said, and being faithful was to be the first honored by God... to write the Good News, some paleographers believe within 20 to 25 years of when the Lord lived among us; [read more about Eyewitness of Jesus](#), or check out: [Eyewitness to Jesus](#).

¹⁰ And it happened, as Jesus sat at meal in the house / possibly at the midday lunch,

behold, many publicans and sinners came and sat down with Him and His disciples / Matthew... who had been a tax collector, tells us many ordinary people from the community were comfortable being around Jesus. To the Romans, Paul wrote: [Christ died for the ungodly](#). I'll never forget, as Dr. Gene Scott taught through Romans, suddenly he paused to ask: Why did Christ die for the ungodly? And looking at every one in every row of seats, asking again and again: Why did Christ die for the ungodly? Finally, Dr. Scott shouted: **Because there were NO godly to be found!**

behold many publicans and sinners came and sat down with him and his disciples / pay attention; tax collectors, and lots of normal people; in this very imperfect, very broken world, with his mathetes, literally those doing the math, those putting things together: 1 + 1 + 1, right?

¹¹ And when the Pharisees saw it, they said to His disciples, Why does your Master eat with tax collectors and sinners? / but they only asked after their 2-face envy that flared up, subsided,

¹² But when Jesus heard that, He said to them those who are whole do **not need a physician, but those who are sick do** / so the Teacher stepped to the middle of the fray; if you have a question for Him, ask Him; and Jesus answered their hypocritical inquisition; the failure of religious leaders incapable of comprehending the heart of God... can be found on nearly every page of scripture and world history,

¹³ But go and learn what it means, [I desire mercy, and not sacrifice](#) / from [Hosea 6:6](#)... actually Jesus, when quoting these OT verses -- the only verses that they had... probably spoke the entire verse:

I desired mercy, and not sacrifice; and the knowledge of God more than burnt offerings: for I am not here to call the righteous, but sinners to metanoia / to reconsider; and NO, Jesus did not say that word emanating from a latin root meaning: **re-pain**. Jesus was not a deceitful pervert preying on the naïve and unsuspecting... with criminal intentions.

He said... I am not here to call the righteous, but sinners to reconsider / Jesus is a very good Teacher who simply said to his first-grade students: **change your mind; rethink, reconsider, remind.**

Jesus is the Teacher and His one room classroom has students of all ages in the same class... wherever His sheep hear his Voice and follow; and those who graduate from His first-grade class... well, they are no longer with us; they move to graduate school... over there! Until then, we are all in the same class: rethinking, and reviewing, and reconsidering the daily lessons... and occasionally passing tests of faith...

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evidence we are not reprobates! You know the word for sheep is: probaton.



14 Then disciples of John came to Him, saying, Why do we and the Pharisees fast often / this verse is so funny, it reminds me of college days when the bus arrived at Como, Italy central park... and disembarking, colleagues ask me: Where do we eat? All I could think to answer was: **How would I know?!** You almost hear the Teacher pause and say: **Your guess is as good as Mine. Why would I know?**

Why do we and the Pharisees fast often, but your disciples do not fast? / at least they asked the Teacher; as they enjoyed their lunch; it's not that they didn't fast, but they didn't do it to be seen by others.

15 And Jesus said to them, Can the children of the wedding chamber mourn, while the Bridegroom is with them? / should those responsible to provide what is necessary for a joyous celebration at the wedding reception fast? / **Psalm 19:** the heavens declare the glory of God; the song tells us a valiant Soldier-Athlete runs from the furthest reach of heaven in a joyous search for His Bride.

Jesus says...

but the days will come, when the Bridegroom will be taken from them, and then they will fast / Solomon tells us: there is an appointed time for all things – **Ecclesiastes 3:** there is a time to personally fast; it is good to know hunger. There are many in the world starving to hear the Word of God; fasting is not mandated by the Lord. But it is personally expected. Is there any wonder why publicans and sinners were comfortable with Jesus? While joyless, undiscerning religious leaders sought to destroy him?

16 No one patches new cloth to an old garment, for the unshrunk patch pulls away from the garment, and the tear is made worse.

17 No one puts new wine in old wineskins: otherwise the wineskins break, and wine runs out, and the wineskins are ruined:

but they put new wine in new wineskins, and both are preserved / Jesus the Messiah had come to do something NEW; He did not come to merely patch up old, tattered, useless... artificial traditions... and invented dramas merely performed to impress unknowing others.

God of Wonders

This is My Father's World

JESUS, It is YOU

O Come Let Us Adore Him