

## THE SHEPHERDS OF ISRAEL

**Luke 5:17**

**(A) The “Pharisees and doctors of the law” have come to investigate this JESUS this Rabbi from Nazareth.**

**(B) The scripture says very plainly – “the power of the Lord was present to heal them – the Pharisees and doctors of the law.**

**(C) JESUS wanted to heal them of their spiritual sickness and blindness to release them from the prison Satan had them bound in. Isaiah 42:6-7.**

**Would they believe in HIM – their Messiah?**

### THE MAN WITH PALSYPHEALED

**Luke 5:18-21**

**V: 18-19 Such simple faith should impress the shepherds of Israel. Will it?**

**V: 20 *Man, thy sins are forgiven thee.* Psalms 78:38**

**V: 21 (A) They could not believe that GOD, who had forgiven HIS people so magnificently in the past, could forgive through a Rabbi from**

**Nazareth. John 1:46 & 7:52**

**(B) Clearly, they reject HIS Messiah ship and “speaketh blasphemies”.**

**(C) JESUS was GOD! John 1:1, 14 & 14:9**

### THE MESSIAH’S POWER TO FORGIVE SINS

**Luke 5:22-26**

**V:22-23 (A) The prophet had linked the power of the coming MESSIAH to save (forgive sins) with HIS power to heal. Isaiah 35:4-6**

**(B) Maybe they will put 2 & 2 together: if JESUS heals the man with palsy and allow HIM to heal them. V:17**

**V:24 JESUS makes a clear claim of HIS Messiah ship as written in the prophets.**

**Surely these *doctors of the law* will believe when they see with their own eyes.**

**V:25-26 (A) Even HIS enemies are amazed.**

**(B) But they still did not believe because they “were filled with fear.”**

**1 John 4:18-19.**

**(C) That they had “seen strange things today” should not surprise a doctor of the law. Isaiah 28:21-22**

### **MATTHEW CALLED TO DISCIPLESHIP**

**Luke 5:27-30**

**V:27 (A) A sinner – IRS agents are not welcome even today.**

**(B) *Follow Me* – the call to discipleship – then & now.**

**V28-29 (A) Matthew first obeyed, then followed the fruit of obedience.**

**(B) Then Matthew told his friends.**

**V:30 (A) The Scribes and Pharisees must have come looking for JESUS to see some**

**more “strange things.”**

**(B) But there HE was, sitting with publicans and sinners” – We can’t go in there, we’ll be unclean.**

**(C) It’s obvious they are left out of the feast when they say: “Why do ye eat and drink with ...”**

### **JESUS, THE SINNER’S FRIEND**

**Luke 5:31-32**

**V:31-32 JESUS is doing the very work these Shepherds of Israel should have been doing. Zechariah 11:17, Luke 19:10, John 1:9-12**

### **SANCTIMONY**

### **Luke 5:33-35**

**V:33 (A) Good answer JESUS (in V:31-32. BUT ... The self righteous are always too busy asking more questions and never get the answer to the preceding one.**

**(B) Such public fasting and prayer was an outward show of righteousness. How could “doctors of the law” be so blind? Isaiah 58:1-7, 65:5-6,**

**Jeremiah 2:31-35. Ecclesiastes 5:1-2 and Hosea 6:4-7.**

**V:34 A wedding had a one week feast with no religious observances like fasting.**

**It would be considered rude, even by the Pharisees, to go to a wedding feast during one of their fasts.**

**V:35 The early church practiced fasting (Acts 13:1-3, 14:23, 1 Corinthians 7:5),**

**but they practiced Christian fasting. Matthew 6:16-18.**

### **THE PARABLE OF NEW CLOTH ON OLD GARMENTS**

**This parabolic teaching is a comparison of a known fact with a spiritual truth which it illustrates. Christ new religious teaching cannot be put in to the old forms of Judaism. The new life of spirituality cannot be expressed with the forms and ritualism. The great weakness of the jews was the substitution of religious forms of worship instead of a genuine spiritual life. In Jesus time Jewish society was parading formal religiosity such as alms giving in the temple, public fasting and prayers, and seething with wickedness within.**

### **Luke 5:36-39**

**(A) The Pharisees are the old shrivel up garment.**

**(B) We need a whole new garment. Christianity won't be tacked to your old worn out garment of showmanship. Galatians 5:1-6 & Colossians 2:16-17**

### **NEW WINE IN OLD BOTTLES**

**The dark ages should have taught us that the way of destruction is the substitution of forms instead of the development of a spiritual life of the people into the image of Christ is the way of destruction.**

**It is clear wherever ceremonial and sacramental worship have been elevated morality and spirituality over shadowed and lost. All worship should be for the glorification of God and the development of righteousness.**

**Micah 6:8 He hath shewed thee, O man, what *is* good; and what doth the LORD require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God?**

**V:37 Christianity won't be added to your old bottle of ritualism and showmanship. Hebrews 7:18-19, 8:6-13**

**V:38 JESUS, the Messiah, is doing a new thing. Isaiah 43:18-21 and Ezekiel 11:19.**

**V:39 (A) Jesus is the new wine !**

**(B) No Pharisee, having drunk deeply of self-righteousness straightway desires Jesus**