

# Insights from Luke

#13: The Physician Selects a Disciple  
and Teaches with Parables

Luke 5:27-39

## **Luke 5:27-28**

“<sup>27</sup> After that He went out and noticed a tax collector named Levi sitting in the tax booth, and He said to him, ‘Follow Me.’ <sup>28</sup> And he left everything behind, and got up and began to follow Him.

1. They collaborated with Rome.
2. They were robbers.
3. They were unclean.

## Luke 5:29-32

“<sup>29</sup> And Levi gave a big reception for Him in his house; and there was a great crowd of tax collectors and other people who were reclining at the table with them. <sup>30</sup> The Pharisees and their scribes began grumbling at His disciples, saying, ‘Why do you eat and drink with the tax collectors and sinners?’ <sup>31</sup> And Jesus answered and said to them, ‘It is not those who are well who need a physician, but those who are sick. <sup>32</sup> I have not come to call the righteous but sinners to repentance.’”

In the East, even today, to invite a man to a meal was an honor. It was an offer of peace, trust, brotherhood, and forgiveness; in short, sharing a table meant sharing life. In Judaism in particular, table-fellowship means fellowship before God.

He set aside the Pharisaic  
call to isolation to a new  
principle of association.

## **Romans 3:10-12**

“<sup>10</sup> As it is written, ‘There is none righteous, not even one; <sup>11</sup> There is none who understands, there is none who seeks for God; <sup>12</sup> All have turned aside, together they have become useless; there is none who does good, there is not even one.’”

## **Luke 15:7**

“<sup>7</sup> I tell you that in the same way, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.”

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

“<sup>33</sup> And they said to Him, ‘The disciples of John often fast and offer prayers, the disciples of the Pharisees also do the same, but Yours eat and drink.’ <sup>34</sup> And Jesus said to them, ‘You cannot make the attendants of the bridegroom fast while the bridegroom is with them, can you?’”



## **Zechariah 13:7**

“<sup>7</sup> ‘Awake, O sword, against My Shepherd,  
And against the man, My Associate,’  
Declares the Lord of hosts.  
‘Strike the Shepherd that the sheep  
may be scattered;  
And I will turn My hand against  
the little ones.’”

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

<sup>36</sup> And He was also telling them a parable: ‘No one tears a piece of cloth from a new garment and puts it on an old garment; otherwise he will both tear the new, and the piece from the new will not match the old. <sup>37</sup> And no one puts new wine into old wineskins; otherwise the new wine will burst the skins and it will be spilled out, and the skins will be ruined. <sup>38</sup> But new wine must be put into fresh wineskins. <sup>39</sup> And no one, after drinking old wine wishes for new; for he says, “The old is good enough.”’”’

**No one is beyond the  
power of God's calling  
to salvation.**

**Initial salvation brings  
opportunity for evangelism,  
but for the older believer,  
there is still time to have a feast in  
order to invite people to Christ.**

**Always acknowledge your  
sickness on the one hand and your  
health in Christ on the other.**

**We cannot patch Jesus  
onto any part of our old life.**