

Questions for Gospel Harmony #27 & 28

Part 1

Event 27: Matthew 9.9; Mark 2.13-14; Luke 5.27-28

Event 28, Part 1: John 5.1-47

1. What was Matthew Levi's occupation? How much did he leave to follow Jesus? (Mark 1.21-28; Luke 4.31-37)

Special Question: What were the Publicans? What was their position in Jewish society during the time of Jesus?

Event 28 Part 1 – The Beginning of the Second Year of Jesus Ministry

1. To which "feast of the Jews" does John refer? Is there any archeological evidence for this "pool, which is called in Hebrew Bethesda"? What kind of people gathered around this pool? What were they waiting for? What is significant about the last half of verse 3 and all of verse 4? (John 5.1-4)
2. How long had the man suffered from his infirmity? What did Jesus ask him? How did the man respond? What was the significance of Jesus telling the man to "take up [his] bed"? (John 5.5-9a)
3. What day was this man healed? What was he doing, and why did it draw criticism from the Jews? What did Jesus say to the man when he met him in the temple? Explain the phrase: "Sin no more, lest a worse thing come upon you." How did the Jews respond when they learned that Jesus had healed the man, and why did they respond this way? (John 5.9b-16)

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After these things, Jesus passed on from there. Then He went out again by the sea; and all the multitude came to Him, and He taught them. As He passed by, He saw a man, a tax collector, named Matthew Levi the son of Alphaeus sitting at the tax office. And He said to him, "Follow Me." So he left all, rose up, and followed Him.