

GOSPEL OF ST. MATTHEW

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CHRYSOSTOM

Read St. John Chrysostom's homilies on Matthew 9.



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CHRIST HEALS A PARALYTIC (9:1-8)

Blessed Jerome on Christ's power to forgive sins:

"It is easier said than done...Hence, there is a bodily sign in order to demonstrate a spiritual sign, though its impact is to curb the imperfections of body and soul. And we are given an understanding of sin and many bodily weaknesses to come. Perhaps, too, sins are forgiven first, so that with the causes of infirmity removed health may be restored."

THE CALLING OF ST. MATTHEW (9:9-13)

St. Chromatius on the meal at St. Matthew's house as a spiritual feast:

"In effect, Matthew's house can be viewed as a church comprising publicans and sinners. He presents to all the leaders there the feast of His faith and preaching, with the Lord and His disciples seated at table."

CHRIST ON FASTING (9:14-17)

St. Peter Chrysologus on willingly engaging in fasting:

"They grumbled in common spite against Christ, 'Why do we and the Pharisees often fast, whereas your disciples do not fast?' Why? Because with you, fasting is a matter of the law and not of the will. Fasting does not reflect the one who fasts but the one who orders the fast. And what is the fruit of fasting to you who fast unwillingly?"

THE DYING GIRL AND HEMORRAGING WOMAN (9:18-26)

Blessed Theophylact on Christ healing away from busyness:

"Where there are crowds and distractions, Christ does not perform miracles. He takes (the girl) by the hand, thus imparting strength. And you, O reader, who are dead in sins, He will also resurrect when He puts outside the crowd and its tumult and takes you by the hand so that you might act."

THE BLIND AND MUTE MEN ARE HEALED (9:27-38)

St. John Chrysostom on Christ coming to do good:

"For this reason Christ was sent to teach us that He came simply to do good. He did not wait for the sick to come to Him. He Himself hurried to them, bearing them a twofold blessing: the gospel of the reign of God and the healing of their diseases. And for this He went everywhere, not overlooking the slightest village."

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