

## Lessons in Luke -- Lesson 2 – “Jesus – The Great Physician”

### Introduction:

In these lessons we are looking at the ministry of Jesus found in the Gospel of Luke. Simeon prophesied over baby Jesus that He would raise up many weak persons and bring down many proud persons. We see our first example of this in Luke 5:27-32.

### Read this passage at least five times, then answer the questions as best you can:

<sup>27</sup> After these things He went out and saw a tax collector named Levi, sitting at the tax office. And He said to him, "Follow Me." <sup>28</sup> So he left all, rose up, and followed Him.

<sup>29</sup> Then Levi gave Him a great feast in his own house. And there were a great number of tax collectors and others who sat down with them. <sup>30</sup> And their scribes and the Pharisees complained against His disciples, saying, "Why do You eat and drink with tax collectors and sinners?"

<sup>31</sup> Jesus answered and said to them, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. <sup>32</sup> "I have not come to call *the* righteous, but sinners, to repentance."  
(Luk 5:27-32 NKJ)

**“Tax collector”** (vs. 27) -- They were Jews who helped the Romans collect taxes from their fellow Jewish countrymen. They were dishonest, cheaters profiting for personal gain from their fellowship Jewish countrymen. They were hated as traitors by their fellow Jewish countrymen. What is significant about the fact that Jesus called Levi?

**“scribes and Pharisees “** (vs. 30) The scribes were experts in interpreting the Law of Moses. The Pharisees were known for their careful observance of the Law of Moses. What do these very religious people think of Jesus’ attending the feast at Levi’s house? What word do they use to describe tax collectors (vs. 30)?

What does Jesus mean by “those who are well have no need of a physician but those who are sick”? Who is the physician? Who appears to be well? Who appears to be sick?

What kind of healing is Jesus talking about?

In Jesus’ view, who is truly well? Who is truly sick? Who is lifted up? Who is brought down?

Is Jesus saying that no scribe or Pharisee can be healed by Him?

Is Jesus saying that every tax collector will be healed by Him?

What keeps a man whether a Pharisee or a tax collector from being healed by Jesus?

What is the hurdle that scribes and Pharisees must overcome in order for Jesus to heal them?

What must sinners do for the great physician to heal them? Has the Great Physician healed you? If not, what questions do you have that would keep you from coming to Him?