

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 9: 9-13. 18-26

<sup>9</sup> As Jesus passed on from there, He saw a man named Matthew sitting at the tax office. And He said to him, “Follow Me.” So he arose and followed Him.

<sup>10</sup> Now it happened, as Jesus sat at the table in the house, *that* behold, many tax collectors and sinners came and sat down with Him and His disciples. <sup>11</sup> And when the Pharisees saw *it*, they said to His disciples, “Why does your Teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?”

<sup>12</sup> When Jesus heard *that*, He said to them, “Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. <sup>13</sup> But go and learn what *this* means: ‘I desire mercy and not sacrifice.’ For I did not come to call the righteous, but sinners, to repentance.”

<sup>18</sup> While He spoke these things to them, behold, a ruler came and worshiped Him, saying, “My daughter has just died, but come and lay Your hand on her and she will live.” <sup>19</sup> So Jesus arose and followed him, and so *did* His disciples.

<sup>20</sup> And suddenly, a woman who had a flow of blood for twelve years came from behind and touched the hem of His garment. <sup>21</sup> For she said to herself, “If only I may touch His garment, I shall be made well.” <sup>22</sup> But Jesus turned around, and when He saw her He said, “Be of good cheer, daughter; your faith has made you well.” And the woman was made well from that hour.

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<sup>23</sup> When Jesus came into the ruler's house, and saw the flute players and the noisy crowd wailing, <sup>24</sup> He said to them, "Make room, for the girl is not dead, but sleeping." And they ridiculed Him. <sup>25</sup> But when the crowd was put outside, He went in and took her by the hand, and the girl arose. <sup>26</sup> And the report of this went out into all that land.

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