

Then Jesus said, "It is those who are sick that need a doctor. It is the sinners I came to save, not those who think they are good."

There were some, too, who thought it was not quite right to eat and drink and to enjoy oneself. They said to Jesus, "Why don't your disciples fast?"

Jesus said, "They cannot fast while the bridegroom is with them." He meant that where He was everyone had a right to be happy and glad.

Though so many were finding fault with Him, Jesus showed them kindly and gently

that His teaching was altogether different from that of the scribes and Pharisees. These people pretended to serve God; but instead of showing their love by being kind and helpful, they made hard rules for others to keep which they broke themselves.

Jesus said, that to expect to please God in this way was just as foolish as to patch an old worn-out coat with strong new cloth—the hole only gets larger. It is like putting fresh wine into dried-up wine-skins—they will burst some day and the wine will be lost. One must serve God with a new heart.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

1. Why did Jesus preach by the wayside? Ans.—Because there was room there for the crowds to hear Him. 2. What kind of a place was Capernaum? Ans.—A busy city. 3. What was Matthew doing when Jesus called him. Ans.—Gathering taxmoney. 4. What did Jesus say? Ans.—Follow me. 5. Did Matthew obey? Ans.—Yes, at once. 6. What did he do before leaving his old friends? Ans.—He invited them to meet Jesus at dinner. 7. Who were angry at Jesus for going? Ans.—The scribes and Pharisees. 8. What did Jesus say? Ans.—That He came to save sinners. 9. Did the

Pharisees think they themselves were sinners? Ans.—No. 10. Why? Ans.—Because they kept certain rules. 11. What was one of these rules? Ans.—That they should fast very often. 12. Did the disciples of Jesus fast? Ans.—No. 13. Why? Ans.—Because when Jesus was with them they were so happy. 14. What did Jesus say about the rules of the Pharisees? Ans.—That they were like an old, worn-out coat, or an old wine-skin. They were no use and wouldn't do for His disciples. 15. What is the Golden Text? Ans.—"He said unto him, Follow Me."

"Follow Me"

If I come to Jesus,
He will make me glad;
He will give me pleasure,
When my heart is sad.

If I come to Jesus,
He will take my hand,
He will kindly lead me
To a better land.

I HAVE LEARNED
TO-DAY THAT

I Should Come when Jesus Calls

Primary Catechism—78. How should we spend the Lord's Day?

We should spend the Lord's Day in rest, in worship, and in doing good.

Shorter Catechism—13. Did our first parents continue in the estate wherein they were created?

A. Our first parents, being left to the freedom of their own will, fell from the estate wherein they were created, by sinning against God.

Lesson Hymn

"Follow me," the Master said:

We will follow Jesus;

By His word and Spirit led,

We will follow Jesus;

Still for us He lives to plead,

At the throne doth intercede,

Offers help in time of need;

We will follow Jesus.

Amen.

—Hymn 534, Book of Praise.