



Introduction

Jesus' popularity grows and we see his message appealing to those who know their need of God's love and forgiveness.



Questions

1. What was it that prompted Jesus to forgive the paralysed man's sins?
2. What sort of people does Jesus eat with at Levi's house?
3. Who had Jesus come to call?



Ruins of houses in Capernaum (see map) where Jesus taught (v 1).



Summary Points

- v 1 to 12 Jesus' power to heal is evidence that he has God's authority to forgive sins (see theme)
- v 13 and 14 Jesus calls Levi (Matthew) the tax collector to follow him
- v 15 to 17 Jesus is criticised by the scribes and Pharisees for eating with the outcasts and despised people. Jesus responds by saying he has come to call sinners to repentance
- v 18 to 20 Jesus says that his disciples can't fast while he is still with them
- v 21 and 22 Jesus gives two examples showing that new things can't be incorporated into the old
- v 23 to 28 Jesus refers to himself as Son of Man and says the Sabbath was made for the good of humans. So he is lord of the Sabbath

Timeline AD 30 (see timeline at the end)



Theme

Jesus has God's authority

A selection of verses showing that Jesus spoke with God's authority.

Jesus tells his disciples and fellow Jews that he has God's authority:

Matthew 28 verse 18

John 3 verse 35

John 5 verses 22, 26 and 27

Jesus says in a prayer that he has God's power:

John 17 verses 1 and 2

The apostle Peter has the same message when talking to a Roman centurion about Jesus:

Acts 10 verse 42



Israel in New Testament times

Map showing places in Israel in New Testament times including Capernaum



? Answers to questions

Verse in the chapter which answer the questions:

Q 1: v 5, Q 2: v 16, Q 3: v 17



Bible timeline

