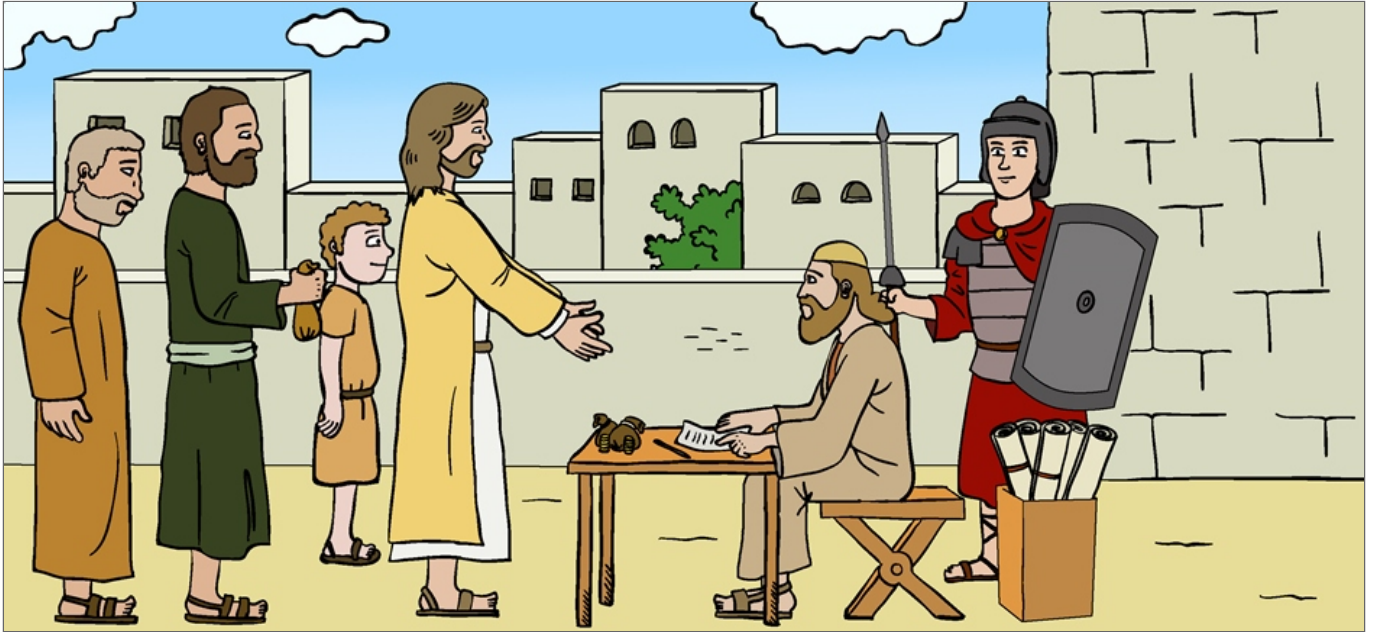


# Saturday after Ash Wednesday

**Gospel text (Lk 5,27-32):** After this Jesus went out, and as He noticed a tax collector named Levi sitting in the tax-office, He said to him, «Follow me». So Levi, leaving everything, got up and followed Jesus.



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Today we read about Levi's story (St. Matthew). Jesus called him and he immediately left his comfortable job in order to follow the Lord. He was so happy that he immediately arranged a banquet for his colleagues and friends to be with Jesus too. The Pharisees criticized the Master for eating with them. What a nuisance these Pharisees! Who are they to say that Levi's friends were sinners?

-Jesus eats with all, especially with those who are more "sick in their souls".