

# Luke 17:11

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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## Analysis

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Journey context: 'And it came to pass, as he went to Jerusalem, that he passed through the midst of Samaria and Galilee.' Luke again notes Jesus' determined journey 'to Jerusalem' (εἰς Ἱερουσαλήμ, eis Ierousalēm), emphasizing the cross's centrality. The route 'through the midst of Samaria and Galilee' (διὰ μέσου Σαμαρείας καὶ Γαλιλαίας, dia meson Samareias kai Galilaias) took Jesus through the border region between these territories. This geographical note sets up the healing of ten lepers (vv. 12-19), one of whom was a Samaritan. The detail establishes that Jesus' ministry transcended ethnic boundaries and that gratitude (or its absence) isn't determined by ethnicity—even despised Samaritans could demonstrate faith and thankfulness lacking in Jews.

## Historical Context

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The journey to Jerusalem dominates Luke 9:51-19:27, providing the narrative framework for much of Jesus' teaching. Jerusalem represented both Israel's religious center and the place of prophets' deaths (Luke 13:33-34). Jesus' determined progress toward His crucifixion demonstrates His obedient fulfillment of the Father's will. The border region between Samaria and Galilee was ethnically mixed, which explains how the leper band included both Jews and Samaritans (v. 16). Normally, Jews and Samaritans avoided each other due to centuries of ethnic and religious hostility (John 4:9). But shared affliction created community among these outcasts—leprosy transcended ethnic divisions, uniting sufferers in common misery.

## Related Passages

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**John 3:16** — God's love and salvation

**Romans 10:9** — Confession and belief for salvation

## Study Questions

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1. How does Jesus' journey to Jerusalem demonstrate obedience to God's will despite knowing suffering awaited?
2. What does the mixed Jewish-Samaritan leper group teach about how suffering can transcend social divisions?
3. How should Jesus' deliberate movement toward the cross shape Christian willingness to embrace difficult callings?

## Interlinear Text

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καὶ ἐγένετο ἐν τῷ πορεύεσθαι αὐτὸς εἰς

And it came to pass as G3588 went he to  
G2532 G1096 G1722 G4198 G846 G1519

Ἰερουσαλὴμ καὶ αὐτὸς διήρχετο διὰ μέσου Σαμαρείας

Jerusalem And he passed through the midst of Samaria  
G2419 G2532 G846 G1330 G1223 G3319 G4540

καὶ Γαλιλαίας

And Galilee  
G2532 G1056

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