

Jesus Heals Ten Lepers

Jesus heals ten men with leprosy, but only one returns to thank Him—a Samaritan.

Luke 17:11-19

CHARACTERS: Jesus, Ten lepers, The Samaritan

THEMES: Gratitude, Faith, Outsiders welcomed, Healing

NOW ON HIS way to Jerusalem, Jesus traveled along the border between Samaria and Galilee. As he was going into a village, ten men who had leprosy met him. They stood at a distance and called out in a loud voice, 'Jesus, Master, have pity on us!'

When he saw them, he said, 'Go, show yourselves to the priests.' And as they went, they were cleansed.

One of them, when he saw he was healed, came back, praising God in a loud voice. He threw himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him—and he was a Samaritan.

Jesus asked, 'Were not all ten cleansed? Where are the other nine? Has no one returned to give praise to God except this foreigner?'

Then he said to him, 'Rise and go; your faith has made you well.'

Leprosy was a devastating disease that left people isolated from family and community. These ten men were outcasts, forced to live apart and cry 'Unclean!' to warn others away. Jesus healed them all.

But only one came back—and he was a Samaritan, doubly an outsider. The others received healing but missed something greater. The one who

returned received not just physical healing but wholeness—'your faith has made you well' means literally 'your faith has saved you.'

Gratitude opens the door to deeper blessing.

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