

Luke 17:11-19
For the week of 4/26/26



Reflection

1. What were some of the insights for you from Sunday's sermon?

Read verses 11-13

2. Where was Jesus headed, and why? (See Luke 9:51 and map above)

3. Why did the lepers stand at a distance?
(See Leviticus 13:45-46 and Numbers 5:2-3)

Read verse 14

4. How is this cleansing of leprosy different from the one previously read in Luke 5:12-14?

5. Why did Jesus command them, “show yourselves to the priests?”
(See Leviticus 14:1-9)

6. When did the lepers become cleansed, and why?

Read verses 15-16

7. How many returned to Christ, and what was he doing when he came before Jesus?

8. How does Luke describe this one man and why?

Read and discuss this commentary statement:

The cure immediately awoke a chord of gratitude in one of the ten. He did not wait to be certified fit to rejoin the community but returned to Jesus when he saw that he was cured. His *praising of God* shows that he saw the hand of God in the cure and that he was ready to let everybody know about it. When he came to Jesus he acted with humility, prostrating himself as he thanked the Master. Luke now adds the information that *he was a Samaritan*. Normally Jews and Samaritans had little to do with one another and it is a mark of the horror of leprosy that those suffering from this disease had lived together, ignoring distinctions they would otherwise have seen as compelling. It might have been expected that this Samaritan would have been the last to give thanks to a Jewish healer, but he was the first, and evidently the only one. If people do not give thanks quickly, they usually do not do so at all¹

¹ Leon Morris, [Luke: An Introduction and Commentary](#), vol. 3, Tyndale New Testament Commentaries (Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press, 1988), 275–276.

Read verses 17-18

9. Why does Jesus show disappointment in these verses?

Personal Question:

10. When experiencing all that God has done for you in Jesus Christ, do you relate more to the nine who went on their way or the one who was overwhelmingly grateful? Why?

Read verse 19

11. How did this "foreigner" get so much more than the other nine?
(Note: well = sozo meaning saved/delivered)

Read and discuss this commentary statement:

Jesus encouraged the man who came back; he told him to get up and go on his way and he assured him that his faith had *made him well*. Presumably the other nine had faith also, for this was the common (though not invariable) prerequisite of Jesus' miracles. But certainly this Samaritan had faith and he had gratitude. It is possible that we should take the verb to mean more than cure: it is literally 'has saved you'. It may be that Jesus recognized in this man the faith that issues in salvation and so he sent him off with the assurance that it was well with his soul as it was with his body. Full restoration means a saved soul as well as a sound body²

² Leon Morris, [*Luke: An Introduction and Commentary*](#), vol. 3, Tyndale New Testament Commentaries (Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press, 1988), 276.

Personal Question

12. How can you begin to show more and greater gratitude to Christ for all He has done?