

Ten Lepers Call to Jesus

Luke 17:11-19, Leviticus 13:3, 46; 14:2-7

“Jesus! Master! Have mercy on us!”

Who could be calling? Jesus is travelling on a road to Jerusalem with his disciple. When He passes through a village, people bring the sick to Him so He can heal them. Jesus is leaving one of these villages when, suddenly, He hears this cry.

Just look! Up ahead on the road stand one, two, three... eight, nine, ten men! They hobble towards Jesus, but don't come too close.

“Jesus! Master! Have mercy on us!” they cry.

Who are these men? Could they all be sick and need healing? Yes, these men have a terrible skin disease called leprosy. They are not allowed to live in the houses of the village. Instead, they must live in small huts out in the fields. Nine of the men are from Israel, but one man is a stranger from Samaria. Hear them call to Jesus.

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Jesus is not afraid to come close to the men. He hears their cry and has compassion on them. “Go,” He says, “show yourselves to the priests.”

The ten lepers go, and as they begin walking down the road, their sickness is healed! The boils are gone; the white spots disappear; their hands and feet are healthy and whole.

How happy these men are! They are well! They can live with



their families again! See them running, now, down the road to show the priests.

But, wait! Haven't they forgotten something? Look! One man is stopping. It is the stranger from Samaria. He turns back and with a loud voice he praises God. Coming right up to the Lord Jesus, he falls on his face and thanks Him.

"Weren't ten men healed?" Jesus asks. "Where are the other nine? No one has come back to give glory to God except this stranger."

There is no answer. It is true. None of the others have thanked Jesus or praised God.

"Stand up," Jesus says to the man in front of Him. "Go your way; your faith has made you well."

1. Who asked the Lord Jesus to have mercy on them?

What sickness did they have?

2. Was Jesus kind to all people, even strangers? You were created by God. People who look different from you, were also created by God. Was Jesus kind to all people, even strangers? Who should we be kind to?

3. How many of the lepers were healed? How many thanked Jesus?

4. We ask the Lord for things when we pray. Do we also remember to thank Him when He answers our prayer?

5. David wrote praises to God in Psalm 103:1. Can you learn this?