

Luke 17:11-37 — Ten Healed of Leprosy

¹¹ Now on his way to Jerusalem, Jesus traveled along the border between Samaria and Galilee. ¹² As he was going into a village, ten men who had leprosy met him. They stood at a distance ¹³ and called out in a loud voice, “Jesus, Master, have pity on us!”

¹⁴ When he saw them, he said, “Go, show yourselves to the priests.” And as they went, they were cleansed.

¹⁵ One of them, when he saw he was healed, came back, praising God in a loud voice. ¹⁶ He threw himself at Jesus’ feet and thanked him—and he was a Samaritan.

¹⁷ Jesus asked, “Were not all ten cleansed? Where are the other nine? ¹⁸ Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?” ¹⁹ Then he said to him, “Rise and go; your faith has made you well.”

The Coming of the Kingdom of God

²⁰ Once, having been asked by the Pharisees when the kingdom of God would come, Jesus replied, “The kingdom of God does not come with your careful observation, ²¹ nor will people say, ‘Here it is,’ or ‘There it is,’ because the kingdom of God is within you.”

²² Then he said to his disciples, “The time is coming when you will long to see one of the days of the Son of Man, but you will not see it. ²³ Men will tell you, ‘There he is!’ or ‘Here he is!’ Do not go running off after them. ²⁴ For the Son of Man in his day will be like the lightning, which flashes and lights up the sky from one end to the other. ²⁵ But first he must suffer many things and be rejected by this generation.

²⁶ “Just as it was in the days of Noah, so also will it be in the days of the Son of Man. ²⁷ People were eating, drinking, marrying and being given in marriage up to the day Noah entered the ark. Then the flood came and destroyed them all.

²⁸ “It was the same in the days of Lot. People were eating and drinking, buying and selling, planting and building. ²⁹ But the day Lot left Sodom, fire and sulfur rained down from heaven and destroyed them all.

³⁰ “It will be just like this on the day the Son of Man is revealed. ³¹ On that day no one who is on the roof of his house, with his goods inside, should go down to get them. Likewise, no one in the field should go back for anything. ³² Remember Lot’s wife! ³³ Whoever tries to keep his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life will preserve it. ³⁴ I tell you, on that night two people will be in one bed; one will be taken and the other left. ³⁵ Two women will be grinding grain together; one will be taken and the other left.”

³⁷ “Where, Lord?” they asked.

He replied, “Where there is a dead body, there the vultures will gather.”

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1. How would you react if you were suddenly healed from a disease or sickness?
2. Why did Jesus tell the lepers to show themselves to the priest? (Leviticus 13:9-11, 14:1-11)
3. What does this story say about the importance of thanking Jesus (or God)? How does Jesus want you to respond to the work he performs in your life?
4. What are the four elements of prayer? (Remember ACTS)
5. When have you failed to thank the Lord for something he has done in your life? What prevents us from thanking Him? Why is it sometimes difficult to say thank you to God? Does God demand that we thank him?
6. What would you do if you were told you had only a few months to live? How would you describe your readiness for Christ's second coming?
7. Where is the kingdom of God? (17:21)
8. What did Jesus tell his disciples they would long to see? (17:22)
9. How did Jesus describe what the days of the Son of Man will be like? (17:24-30). What exactly are the "days of the Son of Man?"
10. Verse 17:33 is the second time Luke records those words of Jesus. What does that mean? (Luke 9:24-25)
11. Practically speaking, how could Jesus' teaching about losing your life make a difference in your daily routine? How can you reaffirm your commitment to follow Jesus whatever the cost?
12. What's the meaning of that last verse (17:37)?