

LESSON 17: The Life Of Christ – Ten Lepers Healed and Concerning the Kingdom

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LUKE 17:11-37
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Passing through Samaria and Galilee (Luke 17:11)

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Luke 17:11, "And it came to pass, as they were on the way to Jerusalem, that he was passing along the borders of Samaria and Galilee."

- ▶ Luke identified broad general geographical regions where Jesus was working. He sometimes did this to focus readers on the fact that Jesus was moving deliberately toward the consummation of His mission at Jerusalem (see Luke 9:51-53; 13:22, 33; 19:11, 28).

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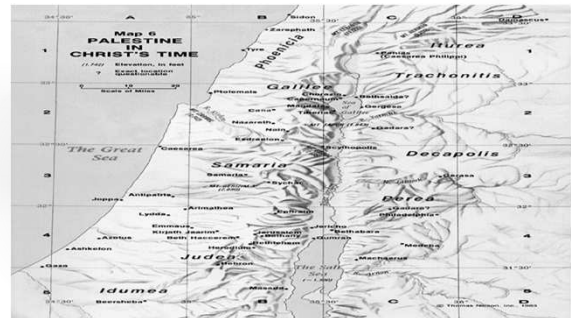
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If our chronology is correct, Jesus passed northward from Ephraim about forty miles, crossing Samaria (here mentioned first), and coming to the border of Galilee. He then turned eastward along that border down the wadi Bethshean which separates the two provinces, and crossed the Jordan into Peræa, where we soon find Him moving on toward Jericho in the midst of the caravan of pilgrims on the way to the Passover.



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Luke 17:12-13, "And as he entered into a certain village, there met him ten men that were lepers, who stood afar off: and they lifted up their voices, saying, Jesus, Master, Have mercy on us."

- ▶ Unnamed village.
- ▶ Lepers stood afar off. (Numbers 15:2; see also Leviticus 13).
- ▶ "Master, Have mercy on us."

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- ▶ Elisha's day: Four lepers spoke to one another at the gate of Samaria and went out together to the camp of the Syrian army (2 Kings 7:1-4).
- ▶ See Luke 5:12-16 for further details on the leper's physical condition.
- ▶ These lepers were not allowed to be in close contact with Jesus or His disciples.



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Passing through Samaria and Galilee (Luke 17:12-13)

“Master, Have mercy on us.”

Luke 17:13

Indicates prior knowledge.

- ▶ After preaching the Sermon on the Mount, another leper had been cleansed by Jesus. Matthew 8:1-4
- ▶ Note the appeals:
 - ▶ Of blind Bartimaeus. Mark 10:47
 - ▶ The two blind men. Matthew 9:27
 - ▶ Two other blind men at Jericho. Matthew 20:30-31
 - ▶ The woman of Canaan. Matthew 15:22
 - ▶ The father of an epileptic son. Matthew 17:15
 - ▶ The man blind from birth. John 9:1

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Passing through Samaria and Galilee (Luke 17:11)

Luke 17:14, “And when he saw them, he said unto them, Go and show yourselves unto the priests. And it came to pass, as they went, they were cleansed.”

- ▶ Show yourselves to the priests. Leviticus 13:2; 14:2; cf. Luke 5:14
- ▶ Note:
 - ▶ We do not know if they hesitated but we do know that they all went.
 - ▶ We do not know if Jesus touched them as He had done with other lepers. (Luke 5:12-13)
 - ▶ We do not know how much time transpired or how far they walked before they discovered that they were healed.

Naaman The Leper

2 Kings 5:1-14

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Naaman		People Today
Leper verse 1	Needed help	Sinners Romans 3:23; 6:23; Isaiah 59:1-2

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2 Kings 5:1-14

Naaman		People Today
Went to the king verse 6	Went to the wrong one	Go to a priest, a preacher, a parent. John 14:6; Matthew 17:1-5

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Naaman		People Today
Wash in the Jordan verse 10	Cleansing was conditional	Must obey God Hebrews 5:9; Matthew 7:21

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NaamanPeople Today

Naaman was wroth verse 11	Became angry	Unwilling to accept: Baptism Acts 22:16, One church Ephesians 4:4
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NaamanPeople Today

"I thought" verse 11	Wanted his way	"Faith only" James 2:24; "church of your choice" Ephesians 5:23; "Do nothing" 1 Corinthians 15:58
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Naaman The Leper
2 Kings 5:1-14

NaamanPeople Today

Abana and Pharpar verse 12	Wanted to substitute	Human creeds for the Bible 2 Timothy 3:16-17; Denominations for the church Matthew 5:13
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2 Kings 5:1-14

NaamanPeople Today

Dipped 7 times, clean verse 14	Blessed at obedience	Matthew 7:24; Hear – Romans 10:17; Believe – John 8:24; Repent – Luke 13:3; Be Baptized – Mark 16:16 Faithfulness – Revelation 2:10
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These ten lepers were not cleansed until they obeyed Jesus and went.

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Luke 17:15-19, "And **one of them**, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, with a loud voice glorifying God; and he fell upon his face at his feet, giving him thanks: and he was a Samaritan. And Jesus answering said, Were not the ten cleansed? but where are the nine? Were there none found that returned to give glory to God, save this stranger?"

- ▶ Apparently nine of the lepers were Jews.
- ▶ Note: On his way to the priests at Mount Gerizim the Samaritan turned back to express his thanks. This Samaritan was more spiritual than any of his Jewish companions.
- ▶ A Samaritan was among them because they were along the border of his country, and because the fellowship of affliction and disease obliterated the distinctions of race, as it does to this day.

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- ▶ The beginning of the Samaritans. 2 Kings 17.
- ▶ The Samaritans were also a continuous source of difficulty to the Jews who rebuilt Jerusalem after returning from Babylonian captivity (Ezra 4, especially verses 2-5; Nehemiah 4, especially verse 2).
- ▶ The Samaritan woman. John 4
- ▶ Traveling through Samaria. Luke 9:52-55