



Today's Message

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Title: *The Lord of Mercy*

Text: Luke 17:11–19 (ESV)

¹¹ On the way to Jerusalem he was passing along between Samaria and Galilee. ¹² And as he entered a village, he was met by ten lepers, who stood at a distance ¹³ and lifted up their voices, saying, “Jesus, Master, have mercy on us.” ¹⁴ When he saw them he said to them, “Go and show yourselves to the priests.” And as they went they were cleansed. ¹⁵ Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice; ¹⁶ and he fell on his face at Jesus’ feet, giving him thanks. Now he was a Samaritan. ¹⁷ Then Jesus answered, “Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine? ¹⁸ Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?” ¹⁹ And he said to him, “Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well.”

Introduction: As Jesus made his way to his appointment in Jerusalem, he wove his way in and out of Galilee. Along the border of Samaria, he encountered ten lepers who cried out for mercy. What happened next is surprising and instructive.

I. The story retold:

- A. Jesus healed ten men. 11-14
 - 1. The location of the miracle: He was in or near Samaria. 11
 - 2. The recipients of Jesus’ healing:

- a. They were outcasts . . . 12
 - b. but they cried for mercy. 13
- 3. The healing work of Jesus: He required them to act on hope. 14
- B. Only one of the lepers Jesus healed demonstrated gratitude. 15-16
 - 1. He publicly praised God . . . 15
 - 2. and humbly gave thanks to Jesus . . . 16a
 - 3. even though he was an unlikely disciple. 16b
- C. Jesus taught his hearers using three questions:
 - 1. “Were not ten cleansed?” Yes! 17a
 - 2. “Where are the nine?” Gone! 17b
 - 3. “Is the *pagan* the only one who returns with praise?” Yes! 18
- D. Conclusion: Jesus commended the man for his saving faith. 19

II. The point of the story: The mercy of God is broad, but what he requires is full trust in His Son, Jesus.

III. Implications of the story:

- A. The affects of our sin are tragic and beyond our power to change.
- B. God transforms all those who call to him for mercy.
- C. God’s mercy is available to everyone.
- C. All that God requires is that sinners place their full trust in Jesus.
- D. Full trust in Jesus is marked by thankful praise.