


The Miracles of Jesus



Come back, praise God in a loud voice, throw yourself at Jesus' feet, and thank him!

Luke 17:11-19

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."

1. A miserable company

▼ *This was a controversial area*

¹¹ Now on his way to Jerusalem, Jesus traveled along the border between Samaria and Galilee.

- ▲ Note this regular itinerary of Jesus
- ▲ Note the racial indiscriminination of Jesus

▼ *There was a contagious crowd assembled*

¹² As he was going into a village, ten men who had leprosy met him. They stood at a distance

- ▲ These lepers were ostracized by Jewish law (Leviticus 13)
- ▲ These lepers were observing the Jewish law

▼ *They cried out for assistance*

¹³ and called out in a loud voice, "Jesus, Master, have pity on us!"

- ▲ Feel the fervency in their cry
- ▲ Focus on the faith in their cry

2. A miraculous cure

▼ *Jesus issued a scriptural command (Leviticus 14)*

¹⁴ When he saw them, he said, "Go, show yourselves to the priests."

- ▲ The command required action
- ▲ The command required authentication

▼ *Jesus imparted a supernatural cleansing*

¹⁴ And as they went, they were cleansed.

- ▲ Healing came as they departed from Jesus
- ▲ Healing came at the dispensation of Jesus

3. A meager comeback

▼ *One was thrilled and thankful*

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- ▲ Note the enthusiastic return
- ▲ Note the ethnic reference

▼ *The others were thoughtless and thankless*

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- ▲ Hear Jesus' consternation over the thoughtless others
- ▲ Hear Jesus' commendation and confirmation of the thankful one

Messages from the Miracle

1. In the midst of difficult and discouraging and debilitating situations, call out to Jesus – He can heal you – He can help you – He can hold you!
2. When the Lord does something amazing for you – and surely He has – and surely He will – recognize his love and goodness and respond!
3. Some Christians excel at praise and thanksgiving more than others do – determine to be excellent and make your praise to the Lord glorious!
4. Some Christians are so thankful that they broadcast their testimonies of God's grace and goodness all around – let's be those Christians!