

One Man Thanks Jesus

Luke 17:11-19

Jesus and His disciples, or His special helpers, were walking to Jerusalem. They passed through many, small villages on their way. As they came near to one small village, they heard someone calling to Jesus.

“Jesus, Master, have mercy on us! Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!”

Ten VERY sick men walked toward Jesus. Because other people could get the sickness, the men could not live in the city with their families. They could not work. The men often had to beg for food. Their skin was covered with sores. Many of them wore dirty bandages on their bodies. Some of the men had to use crutches to walk. Their clothes were ragged and tattered. NO ONE wanted to be near sick people like these.

But Jesus didn't try to run away from the sick men. Instead, He told them to go and show themselves to the special ministers of God. Perhaps the men were disappointed that Jesus had not healed them of their terrible sickness; so they turned very sadly. But as they began to walk toward the city, they suddenly stopped.

Why, what was this? Their skin sores were gone! Their useless, rotting fingers and toes were all well and whole again! The men no longer needed their bandages and crutches! Why, they were HEALED! They were all well!

The ten excited men rushed toward the city. Then one of them stopped and looked carefully at his arms and legs. He felt his smooth clear skin – and then turned and ran back to Jesus, shouting for joy.

“Oh, praise God! PRAISE GOD! Thank You, Thank You!” he exclaimed over and over. When he came to the place where Jesus was, he lay down on the ground with his face in the dirt, still thanking God.

Jesus said to him, “Where are your friends? TEN of you were healed, but you are the only one who came back to say thank you.”

Then, smiling down at the man who was well, Jesus told him to get up and go into the city.

“Your sickness was healed because you believed in ME,” said Jesus.

Bible Verse to Learn

“O give thanks unto the LORD, for he is good” (Psalm 107:1).