

# The Gospel According to Luke

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## HEALING AND PRAISE

## PART 9

*Returning to Christ and Giving Thanks*

**READ LUKE 17:11-21**

### INTRODUCTION

*Jesus was (and is) well known for healing many people in Scripture as well as throughout history. This passage in Luke 17 is no different in that fact. What is different is the way in which Jesus chose to heal these ten lepers that were asking for it. They were shouting at Him from afar because they were not allowed, by the law, to come close to anyone. Lepers had to stand far away and shout, "Unclean" whenever someone else would come by. Their relationship to Jesus was one that was held at a distance because of their sickness. This didn't shake Jesus though and He still sent them to the priests to be cleansed.*

*It is interesting that He sent them before really cleansing them. They had to take a step of faith first and then they were cleansed. This is very similar in our own lives when we are asking something of Jesus. He often will ask us to take a step in faith before giving us more clarity on what His answer will be or what direction we should take. This is different from other times Jesus had healed people in that aspect. He didn't immediately cure them or rub dirt on their skin or even make them bathe. He wanted them to go to the priests trusting that they would be cleansed one way or another.*

*After they were cleansed, one man came back and fell to Jesus' feet to worship Him. As much as God had done for them, they kept moving on with their lives and went about their business. It is important to know that Jesus wants us to be thankful for what He has done for us. So thankful that we worship Him with everything that we have including our lives. The Pharisees questioned Jesus about His healing of these men and they asked when the Kingdom would be established. He clarified for them that the Kingdom was in their midst because He was there and they had access to Him. We also have access to the Kingdom through the Spirit of God.*

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### *DISCUSSION QUESTIONS*

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1. What are some other examples of Jesus healing people in Scripture? How should we view people being healed by Christ today?
2. Read Leviticus 13. What are some of the rules about leprosy that surprise you? Are they exclusively practical rules or, do you think there are spiritual connotations to them?
3. What role does faith play in healing? What about salvation? How do these two concepts meet in this passage?
4. When was there a time that God was asking you to take a step of faith? How did that end up? Was there anything you would've done differently?
5. What does it mean that the Kingdom was in their midst? What implications does this have on us in our current cultural context?

### *WRAP UP*

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Jesus healed many people. He still heals people today. We need to remember that even if He doesn't heal, He is still worthy of our worship. I owe Him everything regardless of if He heals me or not because He has done what no other could do. He has offered us forgiveness and restoration that allows us to not only have relationship with Him but, it heals us from the cancer of sin. That is something to worship Him for until the end of time..