

Jesus Heals the Ten Lepers

Luke 17:11-19

This young man has a serious illness. He has a terrible sickness. We have a serious illness, too. It can not, however, be seen on the outside of us.

What is that sickness in our heart?

Who has taken away that sickness? We'll read how Jesus takes care of sickness in our lesson today.



Prayer (TLH #149 v. 2)

Come in poverty and meanness,
Come defiled without, within;
From infection and uncleanness,
From the leprosy of sin,
Wash your robes and make them white;
Ye shall walk with God in light. Amen

The Story - Luke 17:11-19

Now it happened as He went to Jerusalem that He passed through the midst of Samaria and Galilee. {12} Then as He entered a certain village, there met Him ten men who were lepers, who stood afar off. {13} And they lifted up their voices and said, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!"

{14} So when He saw them, He said to them, "Go, show yourselves to the priests." And so it was that as they went, they were cleansed.

{15} And one of them, when he saw that he was healed, returned, and with a loud voice glorified God, {16} and fell down on his face at His feet, giving Him thanks. And he was a Samaritan.

{17} So Jesus answered and said, "Were there not ten cleansed? But where are the nine? {18} "Were there not any found who returned to give glory to God except this foreigner?"

{19} And He said to him, "Arise, go your way. Your faith has made you well."

Outer Aim - Jesus healed ten men of leprosy and only one returned to thank Him.



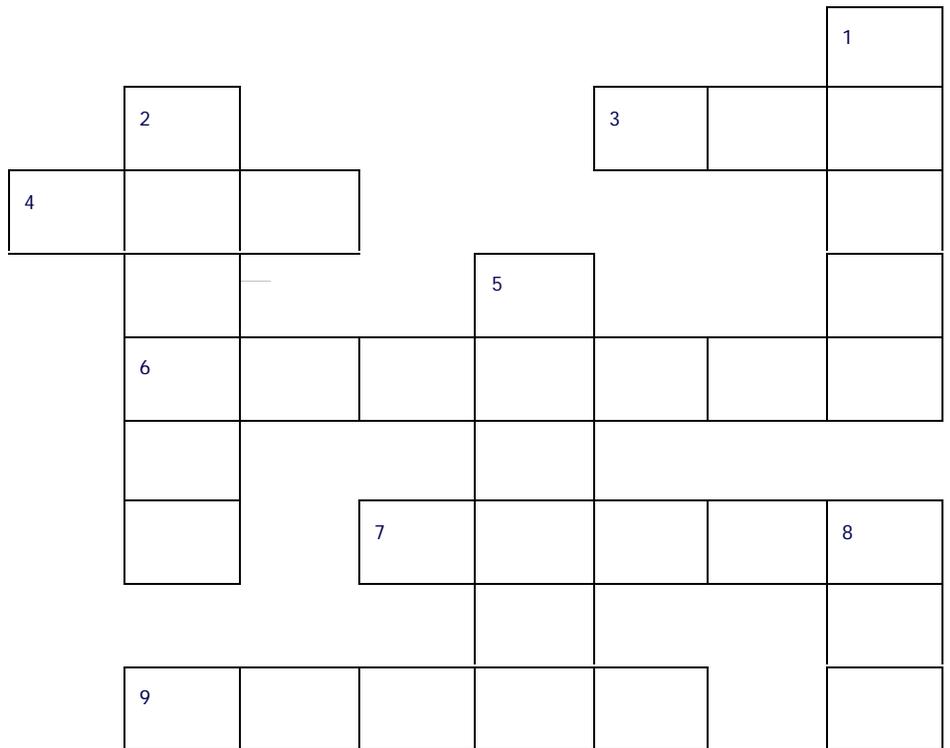
What The Story Tells Us - Fill in the CROSSWORD PUZZLE.

ACROSS

3. Only _____ leper came to Jesus to thank Him.
4. Jesus healed _____ lepers.
6. This is the disease the men had.
7. _____ healed them.
9. Jesus said, "Your _____ has made you well."

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1. They said, "Master, have _____ on us!"
2. Jesus _____ them of their disease.
5. Jesus told them to show themselves to the _____(s).
8. We have the leprosy of _____, but Jesus has healed us by dying on the cross.



Inner Aim - I give thanks because Jesus has healed me from the leprosy of sin.

What God's Word Tells Us - Answer the following questions in complete sentences.

1. How were the Old Testament Israelites similar to the lepers who walked away?
2. What is leprosy?
3. What qualities does this story illustrate about Jesus?
4. Why did the nine others not return?
5. What did Jesus mean when He said, "Your faith has made you whole?"

Your Turn - Make a list of 4 things that you did this morning (i.e., eat breakfast, brushed your teeth) What do you find in each thing that you can give thanks and praise to God for? (The deeper you look, the more you will find.)

1.

2.

3.

4.

Passages

Psalms 136:1 - Oh, give thanks to the LORD, for He is good! For His mercy endures forever.

Philippians 4:6 - Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God;

Psalms 103:1-5 - Bless the LORD, O my soul; and all that is within me, bless His holy name! Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits: Who forgives all your iniquities, Who heals all your diseases, Who redeems your life from destruction, Who crowns you with lovingkindness and tender mercies, Who satisfies your mouth with good things, So that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

Hymn - TLH #36 or Worship Supplement 2000 #792

Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving
To God the Creator triumphantly raise,
Who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us,
Who still guides us on to the end of our days.
God's banners are o'er us; His light goes before us,
A pillar of fire shining forth in the night,
Till shadows have vanished and darkness is banished,
As forward we travel from light into light. Amen.

Prayer

Dear Heavenly Father,

O, Divine Healer. Thank You for caring for our every bodily need and holding us in Your comforting hand. Help us to turn to You in all our times of need, no matter how great or small. Help us to remember daily how You have healed us of our greatest disease – the disease of sin—through Your Son, Jesus Christ. To You may all praise and glory be given. In Jesus Name we pray. Amen.