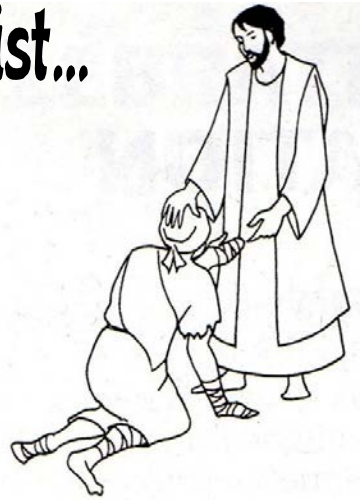


Only one returned to thank Christ...

People have always feared and shunned lepers. In ancient times, medical knowledge was limited and even minor skin infections were suspect because of the possibility of leprosy. Mildew in homes was dangerous. This disease had serious religious connotations and was considered the worst punishment inflicted on a person. For these reasons, only priests could verify that someone had leprosy and declare that person “unclean”, which meant a life sentence of quarantine and exclusion. If the disease disappeared, that person would have to see the priests again. Only after an examination revealed no apparent symptoms, could the priests pronounce that person “clean” and able to rejoin society.



This passage presents many interesting perspectives. Jesus had made a detour through Samaria on the road leading to Jerusalem. He travelled in a territory that Jews would not enter because any contact with schismatic Samaritans would make them “unclean”. Christ came upon ten lepers who implored him to take pity on them. The ten were hopeful that Christ would hear their pleas. Jesus respected the laws and told them to show themselves to the priests. This meant they could be declared “clean”, cured of their leprosy. We surmise that nine of them were Jews because Jesus remarked that only the Samaritan returned to thank him.

The Samaritan’s behavior demonstrated his faith. His words glorified God; he prostrated himself at Jesus’ feet and thanked him. He acknowledged that Jesus’ merciful actions were indeed God’s. Christ told the Samaritan that his faith had cured him. The Samaritan returned to the Source, adored God, and acknowledged that Jesus was truly God’s temple.

The Samaritan’s cure was the result of his faith and led to his salvation. Jesus told him to get up and be on his way - to rise up and begin the new life that Christ had made possible for him.

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