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GIVE THANKS TO THE LORD
FOR HE IS GOOD

EXTRAVAGANT *Thanks*

HIS LOVE
ENDURES FOREVER

November 22 & 23, 2025 | Thanksgiving | Luke 17:11-19 | Dennis Miller, teaching pastor

THE SCRIPTURE

Luke 17:11 On the way to Jerusalem he was passing along between Samaria and Galilee. 12 And as he entered a village, he was met by ten lepers, who stood at a distance 13 and lifted up their voices, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us." 14 When he saw them he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went they were cleansed. 15 Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice; 16 and he fell on his face at Jesus' feet, giving him thanks. Now he was a Samaritan. 17 Then Jesus answered, "Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine? 18 Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" 19 And he said to him, "Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well."

THE CONTEXT OF THIS EVENT

1. The _____ — *On the way to Jerusalem . . .*

This event takes place in the _____ months of Jesus' life.

— Jesus was in Jerusalem a few months _____ (October) for the Feast of Tabernacles (John 7-8).

— Then He attended the Feast of _____ (Hanukkah in December) in Jerusalem and brought Lazarus back from the _____ (John 9-11).

— Now He goes to Jerusalem one _____ time (Feast of Passover) to _____ for the sin of the world.

Luke 9:51 When the days drew near for him to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem.

2. The _____ — *between Samaria and Galilee* (Ephraim).

Luke 17:11 . . . he was passing along between Samaria and Galilee.

3. The _____ of Jesus — 26 are recorded in the Gospel of Luke, but on this trip to Jerusalem (beginning in Luke 9:51) Jesus did 5 miracles. This is a reminder of His _____!

- A mute man — Luke 11:14-15
- A crippled woman — Luke 13:10-17
- A man with dropsy — Luke 14:1-6
- Ten lepers — Luke 17:11-19
- Two blind men — Luke 18:35-43

4. The horrible disease of _____ — white patches, sores, loss of feeling, tumors, loss of extremities, blindness, loss of voice, no hope, death. Because leprosy was so contagious, anyone diagnosed with it was removed from society (homes, families) and usually lived with other lepers. (Since 1982 . . .)

- Leprosy was somewhat _____ in Israel.
Luke 4:27 And there were many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed, but only Naaman the Syrian."
- God used leprosy as _____ — Naaman, Uzziah

THE PLEA OF TEN LEPERS

Luke 17:12 And as he entered a village, he was met by ten lepers, who stood at a distance 13 and lifted up their voices, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us." 14 When he saw them he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went they were cleansed.

1. We learn _____ about these lepers from these few verses.

he was met	12	They were _____.	_____
by ten lepers	12	They stayed _____.	_____
stood at a distance	12	They knew the _____.	_____
lifted up their voices	13	They were _____.	_____
Jesus,	13	They used His _____.	_____
Master (Epistatēs)	13	They used His _____.	_____
have mercy on us	13	They recognized their _____.	_____
And as they went	14	They followed _____.	_____

2. These ten did just about everything _____!

THE POWER OF JESUS

Luke 17:14 When he saw them he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went they were cleansed.

1. Even with His own personal _____ before Him, Jesus saw the lepers and showed _____.
2. He gave them _____ and Biblical instructions.

Luke 5:14 And he charged him to tell no one, but "go and show yourself to the priest, and make an offering for your cleansing, as Moses commanded, for a proof to them." (Leviticus 14 explains this process)

3. *They were cleansed* — think of the _____ and yet the _____ of this moment!

THE PRAISE FROM ONE LEPER

Luke 17:15 Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice; 16 and he fell on his face at Jesus' feet, giving him thanks. Now he was a Samaritan.

1. All of the lepers were _____, but one responded uniquely.
2. His thankfulness was _____!

- He _____ that he was healed.
- He *turned* _____ (this is big!).
- He praised God with a _____ voice.
- He fell _____ - _____ before Jesus (deity).
- He gave _____.

3. And he, a Samaritan, was one from whom you would have _____ expected this response.

THE PERSPECTIVE OF JESUS

Luke 17:17 Then Jesus answered, "Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine? 18 Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" 19 And he said to him, "Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well."

1. Jesus asked _____ rhetorical questions:
 - *Were not ten cleansed?* — _____
 - *Where are the nine?* — Not _____
 - *Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?* _____
2. Jesus _____ this former leper for his actions!

SO THEN . . .

How will you show your thanks to God this week?