

**“JESUS CHRIST - A MAN APPROVED OF GOD
(Acts 2:22)”**

**Miracle #34 – “TEN LEPERS”
[Luke 17:11-14,15-18,19](#)**

- 11 And it came to pass, as he went to Jerusalem, that he passed through the midst of Samaria and Galilee.*
- 12 And as he entered into a certain village, there met him ten men that were lepers, which stood afar off:*
- 13 And they lifted up their voices, and said, Jesus, Master, have mercy on us.*
- 14 And when he saw them, he said unto them, Go shew yourselves unto the priests. And it came to pass, that, as they went, they were cleansed.*
- 15 And one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, 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 And Jesus answering said, Were there not ten cleansed? but where are the nine?*
- 18 There are not found that returned to give glory to God, save this stranger.*
- 19 And he said unto him, Arise, go thy way: thy faith hath made thee whole.*

11 And it came to pass, as he* (Christ) ***went to Jerusalem, that he passed through the midst of Samaria and Galilee.**

Interesting? In the midst of Samaria, the Samaritans being the sworn enemies of the Jews, were nine Jews with leprosy! I guess it makes sense ... they had been ostracised and rejected by their own Jewish brothers and had nowhere else to go but into enemy territory.

A bit like David, not that David had leprosy, but he went and lived with the enemy for four months ([1 Samuel 27:1,7](#)).

12 "And as he entered into a certain village,

Whenever the word **'certain'** is used, it always denotes a fact ... a true story. As with the case of the rich man in hell ([Luke 16:19, 23](#)) ... not a parable but an **actual** man. And this being so, then Abraham's bosom was also a real place

there met him ten men that were lepers, which stood afar off:

Leprosy in the Bible represents sin which is contagious ... and can be caught off others very easily ... just like sin ... if you hang around with the wrong crowd.

Indeed Dear Reader, before the shed blood of Christ, we were all standing far off as well ... but have been brought nigh by Christ's shed blood ([Ephesians 2:13](#)).

13 And they lifted up their voices, and said, Jesus, Master, have mercy on us.

Interesting? Both the Samaritan and the leprous Jews, were outcasts from Israel.

The Samaritans had all heard all about Jesus through the woman at the well, with many husbands ... and the lepers, knowing that Jesus was not accepted in Israel by the authorities, also may have thought they had an ally and friend in Jesus.

A good plea for us all saved and unsaved. I mean the leprous Jews were well aware of what to do ... as they had seen others healed the same way. Why not give Jesus a go? After all, they had nothing to lose.

Dear Reader, as you know ... all may be saved. Christ rejects no one ([Romans 10:13](#)).

14 And when he saw them, he said unto them, Go shew yourselves unto the priests.

Christ was staying within the bounds of the law with a showing of themselves to the priests.

However this showing would **not** be for cleansing but to demonstrate that Christ had 'done the deed'.

Christ was now the new high priest that had replaced the old priesthood ... they were now out of a job. There was a new boy on the block.

Yes, without knowing, the priests would have been enacting Christ's death and resurrection to come ... with the two birds ... one killed over running water and the other dipped in water and blood.

This would be followed by various offerings of oil, and blood, put on the thumb, ear and toe ... signifying sanctification by blood and anointing of the Spirit.

However their efforts would no longer be necessary.

Here was an outsider, the returning Samaritan, recognising that Christ had superseded the law and the priesthood, and this man knew that he was in a new dispensation.

Here was a Samaritan not returning the types and shadows of the law, but turning to the fountain of all blessing ... Christ himself ... with all praise, humility and worship.

And it came to pass, that, as they went, they were cleansed.

Obedience first them cleansing ... believe on the Lord Jesus Christ **then** thou shalt be saved ... as with the jailer ([Acts 16:31](#)) ...

15 And one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, and with a loud voice glorified God,

Yes, he turned his back on the priesthood ... a wise fellow.

As stated he no longer needed the Aaronic priesthood as there was a new sheriff, with their authority and much more, in town.

Easy peasy! No more complicated rituals of birds, blood and water.

16 And fell down on his face at his feet, giving him thanks: and he was a Samaritan.

Glorifying God is **not** found in churches today ... as everyone is pridefully lifting up their eyes to the Lord. Thankfulness and glorifying the Lord God is an act of humility and a bowing of the head.

Now, unconsciously in people's minds, is this ... that the man who returned to give thanks was a Gentile ... but no ... he was a Samaritan. Samaritans were **half-breeds** born outside the Jewish race ... they were **the ten cast off tribes** of the Northern Kingdom. Calling a Jew a Samaritan was a racist insult ... and there was probably no greater hatred the Jew had, than that of the Samaritans.

Indeed, the Jews blasphemously called Jesus Christ, the holy God, a Samaritan, as having a "devil" ([John 8:48](#)).

However, the Samaritans show they were far more **compassionate** to the Jew than vice versa ([John 10:33](#)); and more **accepting** that Christ was the Messiah than the Jew ([John 4:7](#); [John 4:39-42](#)).

Indeed as this miracle shows, they are far more **grateful, humble and worshipping** ([John 4:40](#)).

Now the statistics were nine to one.

So here we have nine leprous Jews and one enemy of the Jew ... all were healed, but only the Samaritan **stranger** ([Luke 17:18](#)) was grateful.

One would think that the opposite would be true ... a Jew, healed from leprosy, could now enter back into normal life with his family, the synagogue, no more face masks and so on and so on. They should have been over the moon shouldn't they?

They should have been rushing back to Jesus ... grovelling, thanking and worshipping Christ.

They had just had a double blessing.

I mean the Samaritan should have only been half pleased ... I mean ... he'd been healed but he could never be accepted by the Jews.

Anyhow, they were all God's elect in Jacob ([Isaiah 45:4](#)).

However, as Paul said the more I love, the less I am loved (2 Corinthians 12:15).

17 And Jesus answering said, Were there not ten cleansed? but where are the nine?

Yes Dear Reader, Christ invented mathematics ... ten minus one equals nine!

Christ must have felt like throwing up his hands in absolute disgust and tearing his hair out ... over the nine walk-aways.

But Christ knew who he was dealing with as he says

"... ye will not come to me, that ye might have life." ([John 5:40](#))

18 There are not found that returned to give glory to God, save this stranger.

That's what Christ called him ... a stranger.

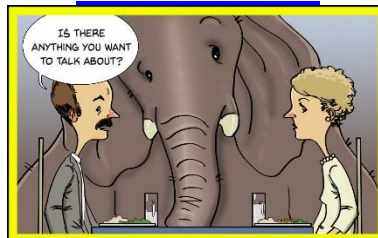
19 And he said unto him, Arise, go thy way: thy faith hath made thee whole."

Today, it the faith of Jesus Christ that makes us whole ... not our faith ([Ephesians 2:8](#); [Galatians 2:16, 20](#)). Back then it was their own personal faith ([Habakkuk 2:4](#)) This miracle reminds is of the commitment and love of Hosea ... the prophet who took to wife an unthankful prostitute ... signifying the LORD God's love and commitment to a continuing unthankful Israel.

Christ healed their leprosy but he couldn't heal their unthankfulness ... but he will ([Zechariah 12:10](#))

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