



NEW TESTAMENT • LESSON 25

## JESUS CLEANSED TEN LEPERS

*The forgiveness of our sin is the greatest healing we can receive.*



**MONDAY**

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### **THE STORY: LUKE 17:11-13**

Ten lepers met Jesus on His way to Jerusalem. They called out to the Lord to have pity on them. The whole countryside was stirring with excitement regarding the ministry of Jesus. He had multiplied the fishes and the loaves. He had turned the water into wine. He had healed many people of all kinds of diseases. As Jesus approached their village, these lepers called Jesus by name. They called Him “Master,” the title given to a teacher or rabbi. Little did they know what was about to happen.

### **TALK ABOUT IT:**

Why did these men stand at a distance? (Lepers were required to keep away from people for fear that others would catch their disease.)

Did they know who Jesus was? (They used Jesus’ name and knew He was a teacher. But they didn’t know is that He was the Son of God.)

### **PRAY:**

Thank God that we can freely call out to the Lord without fear in our times of trouble.



## TUESDAY

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### **THE STORY: LUKE 17:11-14**

Ten lepers were cleansed. Jesus did not immediately heal the lepers. He directed them to show themselves to the priest. Since the priest was the one to verify the healing of a leper, there was hope in Jesus' order. All the men left to see the priest and were healed on the way. The power of God miraculously healed them. These ten men had lived as outcasts, even from their own families who could not go near them. By the power and grace of God, they could return to their families again.

### **TALK ABOUT IT:**

Why did Jesus send the lepers to the priest? (Often Jesus called those He healed to act in faith. In this case, the priest would be the one to pronounce them healed.)

What do we learn about Jesus from His conversation with the lepers? (Jesus sent them to the priest immediately, without hesitation. They called for mercy from the very one who could grant them mercy, and Jesus did just that. Jesus showed compassion and care for the outcasts of the community.)

How should Jesus' response affect the way we pray? (Jesus is the same today. The Bible tells us that we can "approach the throne of grace with confidence, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need [see Hebrews 4:16].)

### **PRAY:**

Take time to lift up the prayer needs of your family to the Lord.



**WEDNESDAY**  
**WHERE IS THE GOSPEL?**

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**THE STORY: LUKE 17:17-19**

Only one leper out of ten returned to give thanks for his healing! Jesus commented about his status as a foreigner, suggesting that the other nine were native-born Jews. This episode foreshadowed that the message of the kingdom would be missed by the Jews, even those who had seen the power of the kingdom.

Though many Jews believed, the Jewish nation as a whole would reject Jesus as the Messiah. But the Gentiles would gladly receive the gospel. Here we see the Samaritan throw himself down at the feet of Jesus. Clearly this man was affected, not just in an outward healing, but within his heart. The others found healing; this man found Jesus. By healing the man's illness, Jesus saved his life. Our lives are also sick with sin and condemned to death. By dying on the cross, Jesus saved our lives.

**TALK ABOUT IT:**

What did Jesus say made the leper well again? (Jesus told the leper that it was his faith that made him well.)

What was the leper's faith in? (The leper's faith was in Jesus. At least this leper was aware that it was because he believed in Jesus that he was healed.)

**PRAY:**

Pray that we would have the same measure of gratitude for our salvation as the returning leper did for his healing.



## THURSDAY

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### **THE STORY: LUKE 17:20,21**

Ten lepers were healed. Nine Jews and one Samaritan. Only the Samaritan returned to give thanks to the Lord. Here the Jewish rulers, the Pharisees, asked Jesus (the King of the kingdom) when the kingdom of God would come. They were looking for an earthly kingdom and for their country to be set free from Rome and the surrounding Gentile nations. Jesus told them that the kingdom does not come with their careful observation. It would not be one they could see with their natural eyes. Rather, God's kingdom is one that is built in the hearts and lives of His people. The presence of God had dwelt with Israel in the temple made of stone. Now God's presence, His Holy Spirit, would dwell in the hearts of man. Many of the Jews who were more interested in an earthly kingdom in Jerusalem never came to know the King of the kingdom.

### **TALK ABOUT IT:**

What were the Pharisees in verse 20 missing when they asked when the kingdom of God would come? (They missed the fact that the kingdom of God had already come with the ministry of Jesus and that He was right before their eyes!)

The Pharisees along with the Jews were looking for a deliverer who would overthrow Rome and bring back the kingdom of King David. Jesus was coming to bring victory of a different kind. What was Jesus going to win victory over? (Sin and death.)

How can we be like the Pharisees? (We can expect God to fulfill our desires and wants [our idea of peace and joy] instead of us following the Lord's desires.)

### **PRAY:**

Thank God that we have been given the good news of the kingdom of God. Thank Him that we know the gospel and that we know Jesus, the great King.



**FRIDAY**  
**ON THE ROAD TO EMMAUS**

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**THE STORY: ZECHARIAH 13:1**

Zechariah tells of a day when a fountain will come from the house of David to cleanse sin and impurity. Hebrews 9:28 tells us that Jesus was sacrificed once to take away the sins of many. Jesus is the only sacrifice that cleanses us from sin.

**TALK IT ABOUT:**

Read Psalm 51. What does it mean to cleanse someone from sin? (Psalm 51 gives us the answer: “Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin”. To cleanse means to clean away, or remove. Our sin will be washed away by the fountain of Jesus.)

What did Jesus do to clean away our sin? (Jesus died on the cross to take the punishment for sin. He lived a sinless life, which He then gives to us. We receive Jesus’ righteousness, and, in exchange, He received our sin and God’s wrath for our sin.)

**PRAY:**

Thank Jesus for washing away our sin through the pouring out of His blood on the cross.