



“And Then There Was One”

A Thanksgiving message from Luke 17:11-19



***13 Ten Lepers called out in a loud voice,
“Jesus, Master, have pity on us!”***

Sometimes we must hit “rock-bottom” before we look up to God.

14 When he saw them, he said, “Go, show yourselves to the priests.” And as they went, they were cleansed.

The “walking dead” – became the “walking healed!”

Only Jesus can do that! He is able!

What a friend *they* (and we) have in Jesus!

¹⁵ One of them, when he saw he was healed, came back, praising God in a loud voice.

¹⁶ He threw himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him — and he was a Samaritan.

Ten Lepers came to Jesus – all ten were healed

Only one Leper: came back to the Healer

Only one Leper: thanked and praised God

Only one Leper: threw himself at Jesus' feet

This one Leper was a Samaritan!

...When Jesus said, ***“for God so loved the world...”*** He meant it!

¹⁷ Jesus asked, “Were not all ten cleansed? Where are the other nine? ¹⁸ Has no one returned to give praise to God except this foreigner?”

Where were the other nine?! Where was their thankfulness?

Celebrating? Did they have no time nor thought, to go back and simply say “thank you” to the Lord of Lords?!

Were their friends, family, and their own selfish desires, *more important than Jesus?* “

“If anyone comes to me and does not hate his father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters-yes, even their own life-such a person cannot be my disciple.” (Luke 14:26)

In Greek: hate, despise, detest, sense of “emotional hostility.”

Jesus, a Jewish teacher spoke in Aramaic; hate means, “to love less”.

Jesus is simply saying to us, that He must be the highest priority in our lives. Jesus is first. Second to none.

¹⁹Then he said to him (the one lone Leper), “Rise and go; your faith has made you well.”

But things are not always made “well” for us, as we define “well”.

And yes, sometimes it is *hard* to be thankful in our suffering.

Bad news and circumstances surround us.
Serious times of depression and sorrow.
Sickness. Disease. Death.

But There is no judgement. No Condemnation.
No Shame in our moments and seasons of not feeling joy and thankfulness.

There is pain, suffering and death today. But death is not the end for those of us with faith in Christ.

Our lives on earth here and now - is not all there is!

We will live forever in the Light of the Risen Lamb!

This is the greatest gift to always give thanks for no matter what.

In the end “Death” will lose! All Believers will
‘dance on Death’s grave!’

**Life over death. Jesus wins. Because Jesus
wins, so we win!**

One Leper put his celebrating on hold

One Leper put his family, friends, and self on
hold – until ...

... One Leper came back to first thank Jesus
before any earthly things

One Leper had a Thanksgiving with Jesus to
remember.

Sometimes we must hit “rock-bottom” before we
look up to God.

But may we strive to be people who look up to
God every day, in a life-long attitude of
thanksgiving.

**Ten Lepers were healed. Only one was
saved!**

May we strive to be like that “one Leper!”

Here are some suggested “MUST READS” –

1 Thessalonians 5:16 - 18

Psalms 34:1

Psalms 92:1 - 2

Ephesians 5:20

Psalms 103:1 - 2