



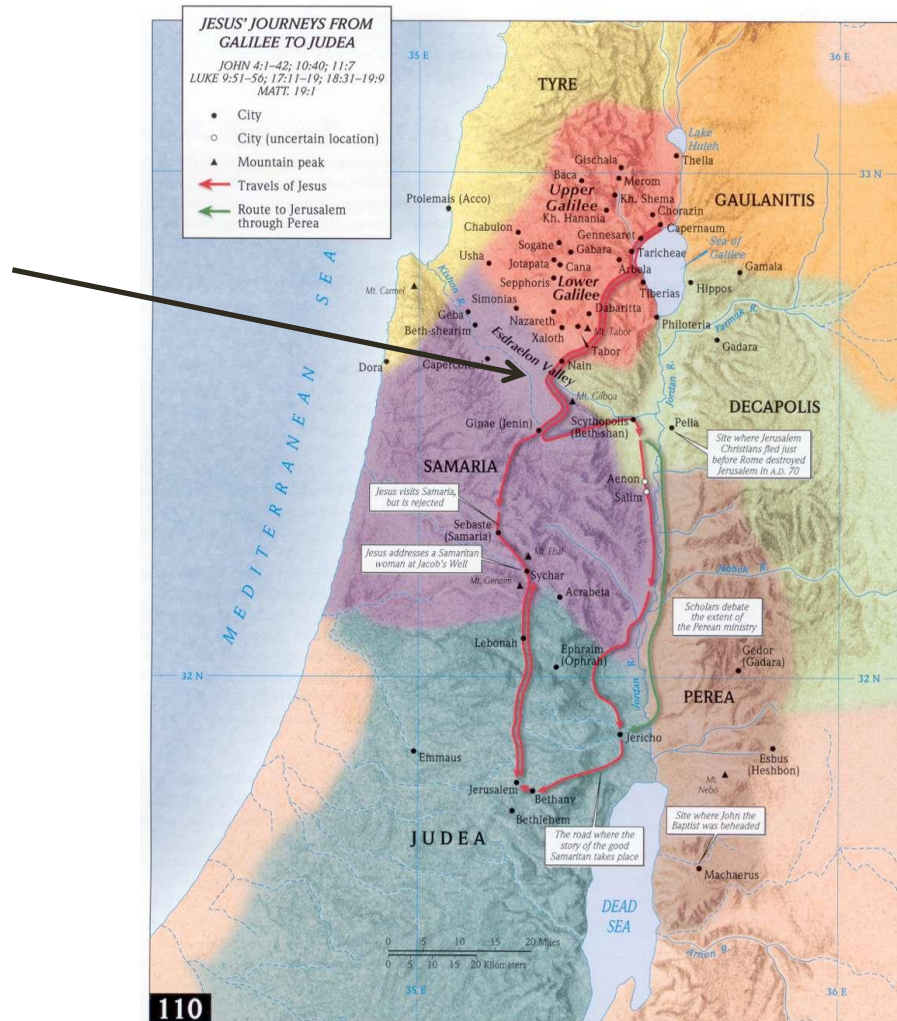
Luke 17:11-19

Only one came back...

Miracles in Luke where Jesus heals one person

- Luke 5 – a man with leprosy
- Luke 5 – a paralysed man
- Luke 6 – the man with the withered hand
- Luke 7 – the centurion's servant
- Luke 7 – the widow's son
- Luke 8 - the demon possessed man
- Luke 8 – the bleeding woman
- Luke 8 –Jairus's daughter
- Luke 9 – the demon possessed boy;
- Luke 13 - the crippled woman;
- Luke 14- a man with dropsy

1. Where was this? (v11)



2. What did Jesus see? v12

- *As he entered a certain village, he met ten lepers.*
- Leprosy was an awful disease.
- You would have no sense of pain – and your body would be horribly disfigured
- They were outcasts; the priests would decide their status and future.
- Some would believe they had been “judged” by God
- *Leviticus 13:45,46*

3. What did they say? v13

- *“Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!”*
- It’s a cry of those who believe something can be done!
- It’s a cry of those who have heard of Jesus and His works
- It’s a cry of those who recognise who Jesus Christ is!
- *See also 2 Kings 7 – the lepers living outside the camp*
- *In Luke 5, the leper came to Jesus and said “If you are willing, you can make me clean!” (Lk 5:12)*

4. What did Jesus **say** to them?

- **V14 – “Go, show yourselves to the priests”**
- Why was this a strange thing to say?
- **Leviticus 13:1-7...**
- Because they still had the disease!
- The priests would have not helped them at all in this condition....
- Yet they go – in obedience to what Jesus says!

5. What did Jesus **do** to them?

- They've all got this disease
 - They all wanted a cure
 - They had all heard about Jesus
 - They believed He could help
 - They all called out to Him
 - They all obeyed His command to "go"
 - **And now verse 14 tells us that they were ALL cleansed.**
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- Imagine their thoughts and hope for the future as the impact dawns on them.

6. What did they do next?

- ***Verse 15 – only one man turned around and came back***
- Yet they had *all* been healed.
- Just one man.....
 - ***Returned and praised God with a loud voice (v15)***
 - ***Fell at Jesus' feet (v16)***
 - ***Gave him thanks (v16)***
- He recognised the power of God, and his need of healing of the heart, as well as the body.
- ***“And he was a Samaritan...”***

7. So what does Jesus say next?

- Verse 17:
- ***“Were there not ten cleansed”?***
- ***“Where then are the other nine”?***
- ***“Were there not any found who returned to give glory to God except this foreigner”?***
- But faced with the one man who did return, Jesus says
- ***“Arise and go on your way, your faith has made you well”.***

8. What else can we learn?

- **Our attitude to God**

- Some could often be sceptical about Jesus... “Where is the next miracle?”
- They may take the benefits, but not want the commitment to truly change which He demands.
- What is our attitude to the all-powerful God?

- **Our gratitude to God**

- Nine did not thank God for his act of mercy in their lives.
- One did.
- Which are we like?
- *In what ways can we show our gratitude to God today?*