

Encounters with Jesus

The Ten Lepers

(Luke 17:11-19)

- Introduction:
1. Many people are familiar with the account of Jesus and the ten lepers.
 2. And, if you're like most people, you have one "take away" truth from this account – "Express thanks!"
 3. However, there are several other important lessons to learn from this encounter with Jesus.

I. The Biblical Account

- A. (Luke 17:11-19).
- B. Ten lepers meet Jesus from a distance.
- C. They lifted their voices and cried out for mercy.
- D. Jesus told them to go show themselves to the priest.
- E. When the lepers saw they had been cleansed, only one returned to thank Jesus, and he was a Samaritan.

II. Lessons and Applications from This Encounter

- A. Jesus is our only hope.
 1. We all have a deadly "disease" that only Jesus can cure.
 2. (Romans 3:10, 23; 6:23).
- B. We must cry out for help.
 1. (Luke 17:13).
 2. Life and death matters require urgency (James 4:10).
 3. Don't let pride stand in the way of your salvation.
- C. They had faith in Jesus' power.
 1. (Luke 17:14).
 2. They weren't healed, then went; they went, and were then healed.
 3. (Hebrews 11:30).
- D. Jesus expects thanks.
 1. (Luke 17:17).
 2. (Hebrews 13:15).
- E. Those saved are not always who you would expect.
 1. (Luke 17:16) He was a Samaritan.
 2. (Luke 18:10-14).
 3. (1 Corinthians 1:26).

- Conclusion:
1. If you were one of those lepers, would you have cried out? If so, once cleansed, would you have given thanks?
 2. Do you need deliverance like those lepers did? And if you have been delivered, are you giving thanks to God?