



Be the 1 in 10

Luke 17:11-19; Philippians 4:11-13

This Particular Miracle

Is unique to Luke's gospel.

This is the 4th of 5 miracles in the “journeys” section of this gospel, which detail Christ's 3 journeys to Jerusalem in the last 6 months of His life.

5 Miracles on the “Journeys” in Luke

1. 11:14 – Demon cast out (mute)
2. 13:10-13 – “Bent” woman healed
3. 14:1-4 – Jesus heals on the Sabbath
4. 17:11-19 – 10 lepers healed
5. 18:35-43 – Blind Bartimeus healed

Luke 17:11

11 While He was on the way to Jerusalem, He was passing between Samaria and Galilee.

“For geographical reasons this verse has stirred controversy. A glance at any map of 1st century Palestine will reveal that Galilee lies to the north of Samaria and shares a border roughly running east to west. Judea...lies to the south of Samaria.

Exactly how Jesus could make his way (south) toward Jerusalem, moving along the (east-west) border between Samaria and Galilee is not clear. Because of this statement Luke has been charged with an inadequate knowledge of Palestinian geography, to the effect that Luke apparently supposed that Galilee and Samaria were situated side-by-side to the north of Judea.”



Luke 17:12-13

12 As He entered a village, ten leprous men who stood at a distance met Him; **13** and they raised their voices, saying, “Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!”

As Jesus Enters the Village

- He is approached by 10 lepers.
- Notice they call to Jesus from “a distance” and “they raised their voices.”
- Their request: “Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!”



Why?

They Call Jesus “Master”

- The word the lepers use here to address Jesus is used only in Luke in the NT, *epistatēs*.
- Elsewhere in the gospels, when “Master” is used, it is *didaskalos*.

This gives us some insight into the thought process of these men.

Luke 17:14

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

Jesus' Response

“Go and show yourselves to the priests.’
And as they were going, they were
cleansed.”

- This hearkens back to Elisha’s
command to Naaman in 2 Kings 5:10 –
“Go and wash in the Jordan seven times,
and your flesh will be restored to you and
you will be clean.”

**What Must
These Men Do
To Be Healed?**

Question:

Does it Require
Faith in order to be
Obedient?

Jesus Gives Grace

But is this
saving grace?

The Scope of Jesus' Healing Ministry

- **Matthew 8:16** – “When evening came, they brought to Him many who were demon-possessed; and He cast out the spirits with a word, and healed **all** who were ill.”
- **Matthew 12:15** – “But Jesus, aware of this, withdrew from there. Many followed Him, and He healed them **all**”

Matthew 5:45

“for He causes His sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous.”

This is Common Grace.

Turn to Luke 5:17-26



Luke 17:15-16a

15 Now one of them, when he saw that he had been healed, turned back, glorifying God with a loud voice, **16** and he fell on his face at His feet, giving thanks to Him.

What is Being Communicated

By This Man's Gesture?

Gratitude, surely.

But what else?

The Other Men Believed

That Jesus was a prophet, a miracle worker, perhaps even the Messiah.

However, I think the one leper who returned understood that this was the Son of God!

How Can I Make That Assertion?

“and he fell on his face at His feet, giving thanks to Him.”

The Greek word is *eucharisteō*, and it is used 38 times in the New Testament.

In the other 37 occurrences, it is always directed to God.

Luke 17:16b

And he was a Samaritan.

Understand how shocking
this statement is.

Let's Talk About Samaria

- Samaria was the seat of power for the northern kings of Israel for 200 years.
- In 722 B.C. Samaria is overrun by Assyria; the Jewish inhabitants are exiled, and Gentiles were settled in the land.
- And so, in the generations that followed, a half-Jewish, half-Gentile people emerged.

Remember the Woman at the Well?

- **John 4:9** – “Therefore the Samaritan woman said to Him, “How is it that You, being a Jew, ask me for a drink since I am a Samaritan woman?” (For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans.)

And So, We Have Cultural Tension

- The main figure in this event is both a leper and a Samaritan.
- Understand that the idea of a Samaritan leper receiving God's help was shocking at best and highly offensive at worst.

Luke 17:17-18

17 Then Jesus answered and said, “Were there not ten cleansed? But the nine—where are they? **18** Was no one found who returned to give glory to God, except this foreigner?”

One Man Gives Thanks

- And he is a “foreigner” (*allogenēs*), a pagan, a heathen.
- So, Jesus does two things simultaneously here:
 1. He commends the example of gratitude in the Samaritan
 2. He shows that faith is possible for those outside the nation of Israel

The Faith of the Centurion in Luke 7:1-9



The Syrophoenician Woman in Matthew 15:21-28



Luke 17:19

19 And He said to him,
“Stand up and go; your
faith has made you
well.”

Look at the Greek Here!

“your faith has made you well”

This is one word in the Greek: σέσωκέν

From the root *sōzō*, meaning “to save.”

A Soteriological Connection

Where did all three of these people
from Scripture get the faith to believe
in the person and work of Jesus
Christ?

Think Peter's Confession of Faith in
Matthew 16.

The Humanity of Christ

I believe Jesus was genuinely surprised in each of these situations at the faith of those outside the nation of Israel.

Have you ever seen someone come to faith in Christ that you never thought would ever do so?

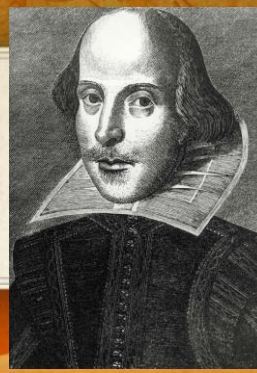
I Believe

This man would have fallen at the feet of Jesus even if he had not been healed of his leprosy.

I pray we would do the same.

My Fear For Us...





“Blow, blow, thou winter
wind,
Thou art not so unkind
As man’s ingratitude.”

- *As You Like It*, Act I, scene vi

Praise and Appreciation are Essential.

- In order to reestablish our relationship with God on its proper terms.
- In order to avoid bitterness, we should remain in an attitude of thankfulness towards God.

Are You Content?

**Turn over to
Philippians 4:11-13**

Philippians 4:11

11 Not that I speak from want, for I have learned to be content in whatever circumstances I am.

This type of contentment does not come naturally to us.

“Now is the winter of our discontent”



Questa è la colonna dove stando
i Santi Apostoli Pietro e Paolo
convertirono i SS. Martiri Processo
e Martiniano, custodi delle carceri e
altri XLVII alla fede di Cristo. Qual
santa leggenda conferma che questo
scatavita miracolosamente.





Philippians 4:12

12 I know how to get along with humble means, and I also know how to live in prosperity; in any and every circumstance I have learned the secret of being filled and going hungry, both of having abundance and suffering need.

Proverbs 30:7-9

7 Two things I asked of You, Do not refuse me before I die: **8** Keep deception and lies far from me, Give me neither poverty nor riches; Feed me with the food that is my portion, **9** That I not be full and deny You and say, “Who is the Lord?” Or that I not be in want and steal, And profane the name of my God.

Socrates said:

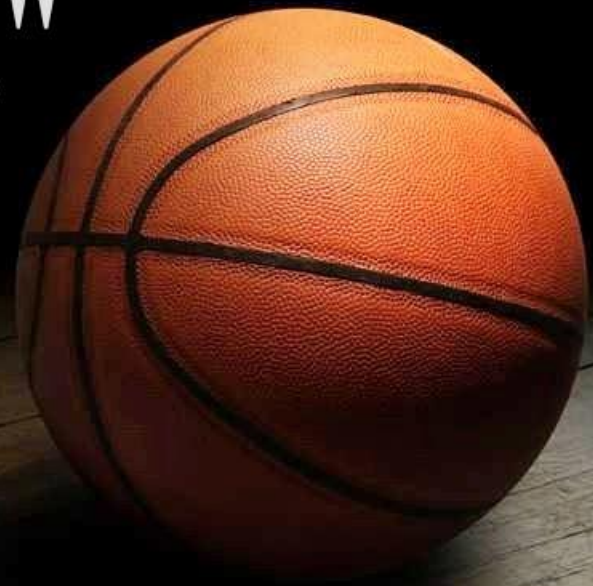
“as to who is wealthiest:
He that is content with
least, for contentment
[*autarkeia*] is nature’s
wealth.”



(Have A Nice Day!)

"I can do all things through
Christ who gives me strength."

- Philippians 4:13



Philippians 4:13

13 I can do all things through
Him who strengthens me.

**It's so much more than a
t-shirt!**

Gerald Hawthorne said:

**“The secret of Paul’s
independence was his dependence
upon Another. His self-sufficiency
in reality came from being in vital
union with One who is all-
sufficient.”**

Psalm 103:1-5

1 Bless the Lord, O my soul, And all that is within me, bless His holy name. **2** Bless the Lord, O my soul, And forget none of His benefits; **3** Who pardons all your iniquities, Who heals all your diseases; **4** Who redeems your life from the pit, Who crowns you with lovingkindness and compassion; **5** Who satisfies your years with good things, So that your youth is renewed like the eagle.

Thankfulness Does Not Exist

Apart from Contentment.

And Contentment does not
exist apart from the Sovereign
God of the universe ruling over
your life.

