

The 10 Lepers

Introduction

In Jesus' time being ill was a terrible thing. You see there were no hospitals like today. Doctors didn't know how to cure many illnesses. In fact most people were afraid of illness and very afraid of people who were ill. So often ill people were sent away. They had to live away from everyone else until they got better.

Now one of the most feared illnesses was a disease called leprosy. It was a horrible disease that made people's skin go brown and wrinkled. Then the skin would start to smell and crack and peel and leave horrible sores and cuts. It was a horrible disease and people who had leprosy had to live out in the wilderness. When they went around they had to carry a bell, and if they saw anyone else coming near them they would ring the bell and shout: "Unclean, unclean." just to warn other people that they had the dreaded leprosy.

People who had leprosy would do anything to try and get better.
But what about Jesus? What did he think of people who had leprosy?

Well let me tell you.

Key words

Lepers or Leprosy: Unclean, unclean.

Wilderness: Howl like a wolf

Town: Do football clap and shout – Town!

Once there were ten lepers (Unclean, unclean). They lived together in the wilderness (howl) just outside of a small town (clap – Town!). Their Leprosy (unclean, unclean) was very bad and all the people of the town (clap – town!) were very frightened of them. So the lepers (unclean, unclean) were forced to live in the wilderness (Howl).

The lepers (unclean, unclean) were very hungry. There is not much to eat in the wilderness (Howl). However, some kind people from the town (clap – Town!) threw food over the wall for the lepers (unclean, unclean) to pick up and eat. But no one would go anywhere near the ten lepers (unclean, unclean).

One day the lepers (unclean unclean) saw some travelers heading toward the town (clap – town!). They thought the travelers might give them some food or money so they ran across the wilderness (howl) to get nearer them.

Suddenly one of the Lepers (unclean unclean) stopped, and said:
"Hey its that Jesus! I've seen him before. He travels about through the wilderness (howl) from town (clap – town!) to town (clap - town) telling people

about God and making people well. He has even made Lepers (unclean, unclean) well!"

They talked among themselves and then turned toward Jesus and shouted: "Jesus! Have pity on us. Make us well!"

Jesus looked at the ten lepers (unclean unclean) standing in the wilderness (howl) outside the town (clap – Town!) and he felt very sad for them.

Jesus shouted back: "Go and show yourself to the priest! Then you will be well!"

The ten lepers (unclean, unclean) looked at each other. "Well come on then! What are we waiting for!" said one of them. With that they were all running off across the wilderness (Howl) toward the town (clap - town) to show themselves to the priest.

While they were running one of them looked down. He suddenly stopped, all the others nearly fell over him. For a moment they couldn't think of any thing to say. they looked at each other. They touched each other. Instead of their skin being brown and dry and cracked and smelly, it was soft and pink and normal. Their Leprosy (unclean, unclean) was gone and they were completely cured.

They all started running again. Shouting and leaping for joy as they went. Well I say all, but not quite all. One of the lepers (Unclean, unclean) who had been healed, turned around and started running in the opposite direction to the others. He ran back across the wilderness (howl), away from the town (clap – Town!), all the way back to Jesus. And when he saw him he ran straight up to him and threw himself on the ground at his feet. "Thank you, thank you, thank you," is all he could say over and over again. "But where are the others?" Jesus asked. "Were not all ten of you Lepers (unclean unclean) healed? Go on your way, because you said thank you it's not just your skin that is healed, but your soul as well!"

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