

49 - Luke 17:11-19 – More than healing

Would you be satisfied with a Jesus who just fixed all your health problems and made Australian society a nicer place for you and your family to live?

The location is important

... somewhere along the border that existed between the region of Galilee and the Region of Samaria. (show map)

10 Lepers healed

... pleaded with Jesus to have pity on them.

This is not the first leper ... Luke 5

... sent him off to the local priest as was expected by the OT law. (Lev 14)

Only one returned - v 15

... he praised God.

v 16... he was a foreigner, a gentile

3 vital questions – v 17

“Were all 10 cleansed? Where are the other nine? Has no one returned to praise God except this foreigner?”

Luke 9:41 ... ‘unbelieving and perverse generation’

... any allegiance to or belief or trust in God does not seem to be on their agenda

1) Your faith has saved you – v 19

“rise and go, your faith has made you well”.

“healed you” (Luke 17:19) = “saved you” (Luke 7:50)

See also Luke 8:48 & Luke 18:42.

... it only the one Samaritan leper who returns who has faith that saves.

2) Salvation to foreigners

... the salvation Jesus offers is freely open to those who are not Jews.

Acts 1:8, “beginning in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria and to the ends of the earth”

For us today

1) Not a reminder to say thankyou.

2) Salvation is at the heart of Jesus

Luke 11:13-15, “Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! For if the miracles that were performed in you had been performed in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago, sitting in sackcloth and ashes. 14 But it will be more bearable for Tyre and Sidon at the judgment than for you. 15 And you, Capernaum, will you be lifted to the heavens? No, you will go down to Hades.”

... they might repent and enter his kingdom via the narrow door.

How is this reflected in our prayer lives?

... what we pray for often reflects what we think God is there for.

3) The whole world needs to know

... “faith in Jesus that saved us to God’s kingdom” is a message that is to go to all the nations, to the foreigners... to people just like us.

... but the job is never finished.