

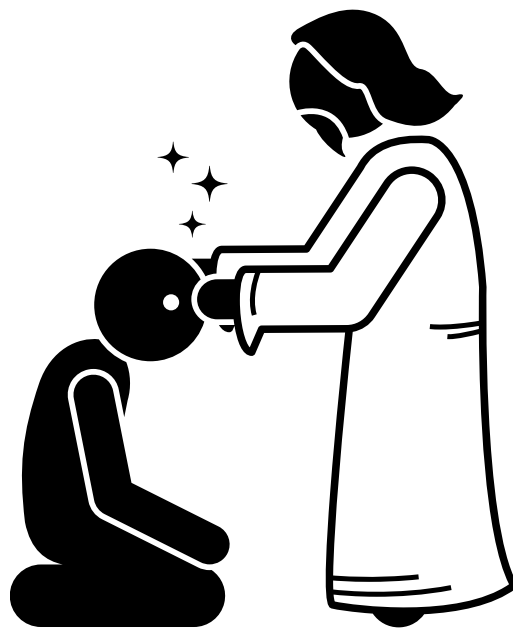
Year C - 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Luke 17:11-19

It seems that no one has returned to give thanks to God except this foreigner.



On his way to Jerusalem,
Jesus went along the border between Samaria and Galilee.
As he was going into a village,
ten men with leprosy came toward him.
They stood at a distance and shouted,
"Jesus, Master, have pity on us!"
Jesus looked at them and said,
"Go show yourselves to the priests."
On their way they were healed.
When one of them discovered that he was healed,
he came back, shouting praises to God.
He bowed down at the feet of Jesus and thanked him.
The man was from the country of Samaria.
Jesus asked, "Weren't ten men healed?
Where are the other nine?
Why was this foreigner the only one who came back to thank God?"
Then Jesus told the man, "You may get up and go.
Your faith has made you well."



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Only one came back



- Introduction:**
- In today's gospel, we heard of Jesus healing ten people with leprosy. Leprosy is a disease that can affect people in lots of ways but one in particular is that they can have a rash and scabs on their skin. We don't hear much about people having leprosy today but it is still prevalent in some parts of the world though it's very rare; people will get it in Australia.
 - Today, we have a cure for it but when Jesus lived there was no cure. These people would get really sick, and because nobody else wanted to catch it, there was no one to look after them and they were often sent away from friends and family.

- Message:**
- So when Jesus healed these ten lepers, he didn't just heal them of their disease, he gave their life back to them! They could return to their homes and be with their friends and family again.
 - It makes sense then, that as soon as they were healed they would rush off, excited to be reunited with their loved ones. But only one of them that turned around to give praises to God and thank Jesus. Out of ten, only one said thank you.
 - Sometimes we might think that just because most people are doing something, it makes it the right thing to do. But that's not always the case. Like the one who came back to Jesus, he knew that even though he was the only one to do it - it was the right thing to do.

- Discussion:**
- How would you feel if you were one of the ten with leprosy then Jesus healed you?
 - Do you think you would be like the one who came back?
 - What are some other ways where you are the only one?
 - Is it hard to do the right thing when others aren't?
 - What are some things that can help you in those moments?

