

LUKE 17



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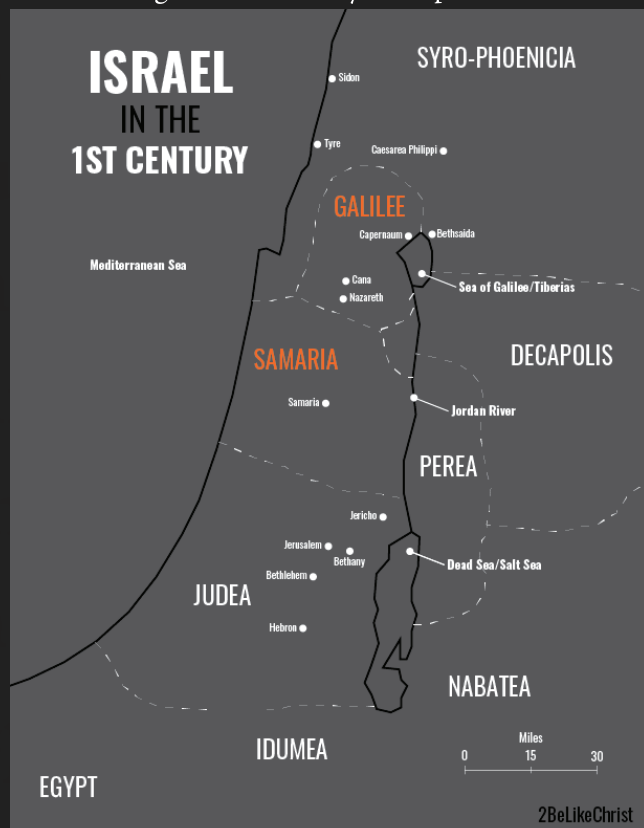
- The events of chapter 17 were part of Jesus' ministry on earth.
- These events took place approximately 30-33 A.D..

CHARACTERS:

- **Jesus** - The Son of God.
- **10 Men with Leprosy**
- **Lot** - A righteous man who lived in the wicked city of Sodom (Genesis 19).
- **Noah** - Built an ark at God's instruction to survive a global flood (Genesis 6).

WHERE:

- Jesus met the 10 lepers in a village between Samaria and Galilee.
- Luk 17:11-12 On the way to Jerusalem he was passing along between Samaria and Galilee. And as he entered a village, he was met by ten lepers.



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OVERVIEW:

- TEMPTATION, FORGIVENESS, AND FAITH (17:1-6):
 - + Jesus taught it would be better for a person to be drowned with a millstone than to lead someone else into temptation.
 - + He told the disciples they must be willing to forgive anyone who asks, even if they ask 7 times in one day.
 - + When the Apostles asked Jesus to “increase” their faith, He told them faith like a grain of mustard seed was enough to perform miracles.
- THE DUTY OF A SERVANT (17:7-10):
 - + A servant doesn’t consider himself worthy of a great honor for accomplishing his daily tasks.
 - + It is the servant’s duty to serve.
 - + Disciples need to see themselves as servants who have a duty to serve the Lord.
 - + God doesn’t owe us a reward for our service, it is our expected duty.
- 10 MEN WITH LEPROSY HEALED (17:11-19):
 - + On the way to Jerusalem, Jesus met 10 men with leprosy.
 - + Jesus healed them and told them to show themselves to the priests.
 - + Out of the 10, only 1 man returned to thank Jesus for healing him.
- JESUS DISCUSSES THE KINGDOM OF GOD (17:20-37):
 - + The Pharisees asked Jesus when the Kingdom of God would arrive.
 - + Jesus told them the Kingdom of God would not come in ways they could observe, but it would be “in the midst” of them.
 - + Jesus turned to the disciples and told them days were coming when they would no longer see Him.
 - + But before those days came, Jesus would “suffer many things and be rejected” by His generation.
 - + As the flood in Noah’s day and the destruction of Sodom, the coming of the Son of Man would be sudden.
 - + “Whoever seeks to preserve his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life will keep it” (17:33).

BIG PICTURE:

- Jesus’ words to the Pharisees reveal Jesus’ intention was not to set up a physical kingdom on earth.
- It wouldn’t have all the observable features of a typical kingdom: palace, throne, armies, government building, etc.
- The Kingdom of God was always intended to be a spiritual kingdom.

TAKEAWAYS:

- Has God answered any of your prayers recently?
- Have you remembered to thank Him?
- As was the case with the 10 leperous men, it is easy to remember to pray when we have a need, but easy to forget to thank God when He answers our prayers.