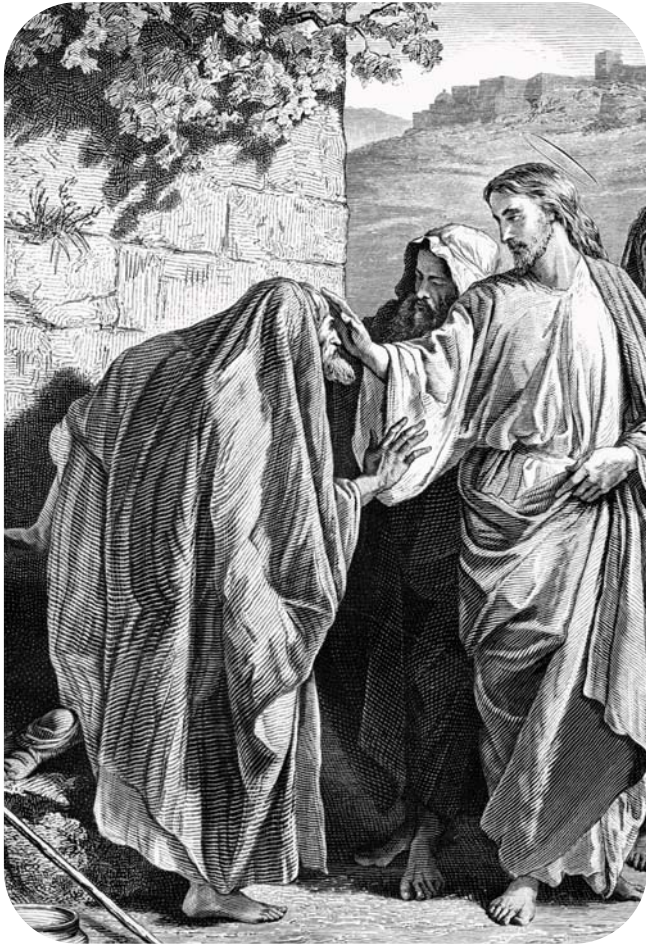


The Gospel of Luke

The Cleansing of Ten Lepers (Luke 17:12-19)



As Jesus was going to the town of Jerusalem, he met 10 people that had an awful skin disease. It was called leprosy. Leprosy causes the skin to be snowy white, like ashes. It causes your skin to deteriorate and can even cause fingers to drop off!

These men saw Jesus coming and began shouting to him, "Jesus, Master, help us." Jesus simply told them to go to the priest and let him look at them. This sounds like a funny thing to say, but it was very important. Back then, a leper went to the priest when he was well. So, Jesus was telling them that they would be well if they believed him and went to the priest.

One man knew that he needed to thank Jesus for what he had done. He was so glad that he ran back to thank Jesus for making him well. Jesus was glad to see him but he also said, "Where are the other 9 people? Are you the only one who returned?"