“The Questions Jesus Asked” Part 4
Mount of Olives | November 22, 2026 | Luke 17:11-19
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Prayer of the Day
Heavenly Father, You have blessed us in so many ways and given us much for which to be thankful. You have also commanded us to be thankful in all circumstances. Help us this Thanksgiving season, to reflect deeply on the many reasons we should offer thanks to You. May it be a season of profound gratitude and a renewal of the joy we experience when we rest in Your grace. In Jesus’ name, Amen.

Scripture Reading

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Message Notes

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Psalm 103: 1-2
Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name. Bless the Lord, O my soul, and do not forget all his benefits—

Study Questions – Read Luke 17:11-19

ICEBREAKER – Getting started:

1. What is something someone did for you that you appreciated but perhaps never properly thanked them for?
2. Are you someone who immediately says thank you when someone does something nice for you, or do you sometimes forget? Why do you think that is?
3. If you could ask Jesus one question about your life, your faith, or your relationship with Him, what would you ask?

Based on Luke 17:11-19, answer the following questions:

OBSERVATION – What does the text say?

1. As you read Luke 17:11-19, what comes to mind? What stands out? What is interesting to you and why?
2. In one sentence, how would you summarize this text?
3. What lesson or message do you think the author is trying to convey?

INTERPRETATION – What does the text mean?

Jesus' First Question: "Were not all ten cleansed?" (v. 17)

1. What do we know about these ten men and their circumstances? Why would having leprosy have made their lives so difficult physically, socially, emotionally, and spiritually?
2. Why do you think the ten men stood at a distance and called out to Jesus rather than approaching Him? What does their request, "Jesus, Master, have pity on us!" reveal about their faith?
3. Jesus tells the men to go and show themselves to the priests. Why do you think Jesus gave them this instruction BEFORE they were healed? What does this tell us about faith and obedience?
4. Verse 14 says, "And as they went, they were cleansed." What do you think it took for these men to begin walking toward the priests before they could see or experience their healing?
5. All ten men were healed, but only one returned. What are some possible reasons the other nine might not have returned to thank Jesus? What does this reveal about human nature?
6. Jesus asks, "Were not all ten cleansed?" Why do you think Jesus asks this question? Is He disappointed, surprised, or trying to teach something deeper about gratitude?

Jesus' Second Question: "Where are the other nine?" (v. 17)

7. Why do you think Jesus specifically points out that only one of the ten returned? What is the significance of the fact that the man who returned was a Samaritan?
8. Verse 16 tells us that the man threw himself at Jesus' feet and thanked Him. What does this man's response reveal about his understanding of what Jesus had done for him?
9. Jesus tells the man, "Rise and go; your faith has made you well." The original Greek word can also carry the meaning of being saved or made whole. How might this statement suggest that Jesus was doing something more than physical healing in this man's life?
10. What is the difference between being grateful for what Jesus does for us and being grateful for who Jesus is? How does this story help us understand that difference?

APPLICATION – How can you apply the text?

1. Recognizing God's Blessings: How easy is it for you to recognize God's blessings in your everyday life? Do you sometimes become so focused on what you still need that you forget to thank God for what He has already done?

2. The Other Nine: If Jesus were to ask you, "Where are the other nine?" what might that question reveal about your own life? Are there times when you have received God's blessings but failed to stop and thank Him?
3. Gratitude in Difficult Circumstances: The ten men called out to Jesus in desperation. Can you think of a difficult season in your life when you prayed for God's help? Looking back, what can you thank Him for, even if the circumstances weren't exactly what you hoped they would be?
4. Faith and Obedience: The men began walking toward the priests before they were healed. Is there an area of your life where God might be calling you to trust Him and take a step of faith before you know how everything will turn out?
5. Returning to Jesus: The Samaritan didn't simply enjoy his healing and move on with his life. He returned to Jesus. What are some practical ways we can intentionally return to Jesus throughout our busy weeks rather than simply asking Him for things when we need help?
6. A Grateful Heart: What are three things God has done in your life recently that you haven't taken the time to thank Him for? How might developing a habit of gratitude change your perspective?
7. The Bigger Question: If Jesus were to ask you today, "Where are you?" or "What are you thankful for?" how would you respond? What is one thing you can do this week to deepen your relationship with Jesus?