

Thus says the LORD ... to all the exiles whom I have sent ... from Jerusalem to Babylon: Build houses and live in them; plant gardens and eat what they produce.

Jeremiah 29:4ac, 5



Migrant Farm Workers -- Mural, Coit Tower, San Francisco, CA

Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Aram, ... suffered from leprosy.

2 Kings 5:1ac

Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, "Go, wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored and you shall be clean."

2 Kings 5:10



Naaman Bathes in the Jordan

Cologne Cathedral Cologne, Germany

So he went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God; his flesh was restored ... and he was clean.

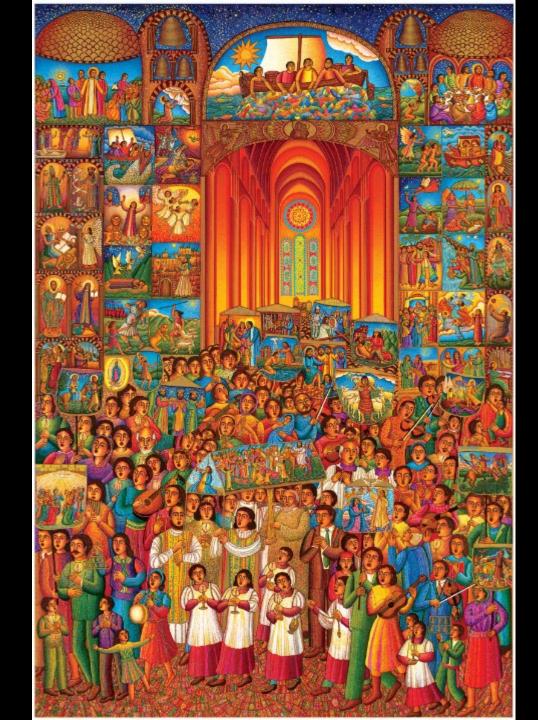
2 Kings 5:14ac



Naaman is Cured of Leprosy

British Museum London, England Praise the LORD! I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart, in the company of the upright, in the congregation.

Psalm 111:1



The Procession

John August Swanson Print, 2007 ... warn them before God that they are to avoid wrangling over words, which does no good but only ruins those who are listening.

2 Timothy 2:14b



The Scholar's Argument -- Bernard Trębacz, painting, c, 1920

As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, they called out, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!"

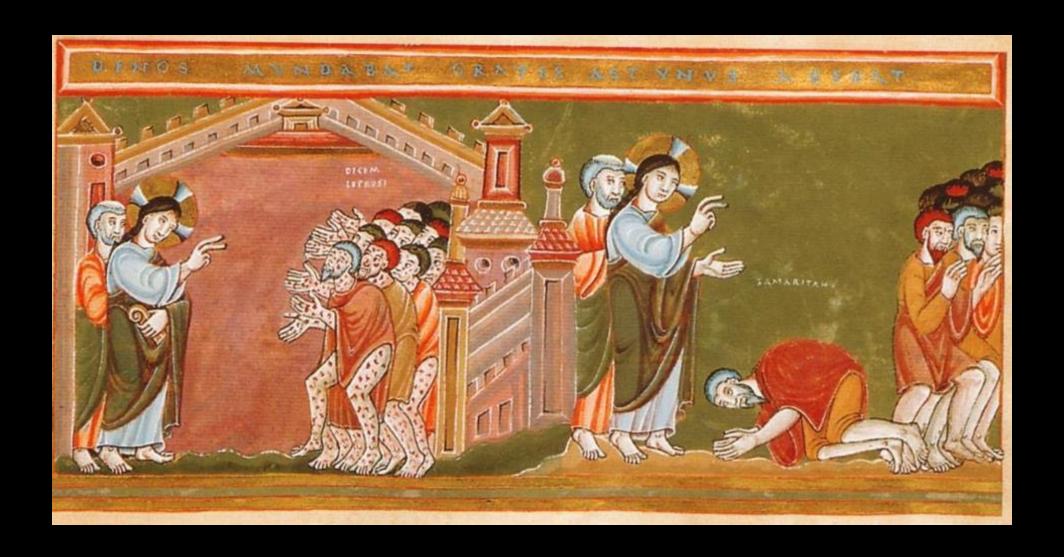
Luke 17:12-13



Ten Lepers Call Out to Jesus, detail -- Gebhard Fugel, Diocesan Museum, Freising, Germany

When he saw them, he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were made clean.

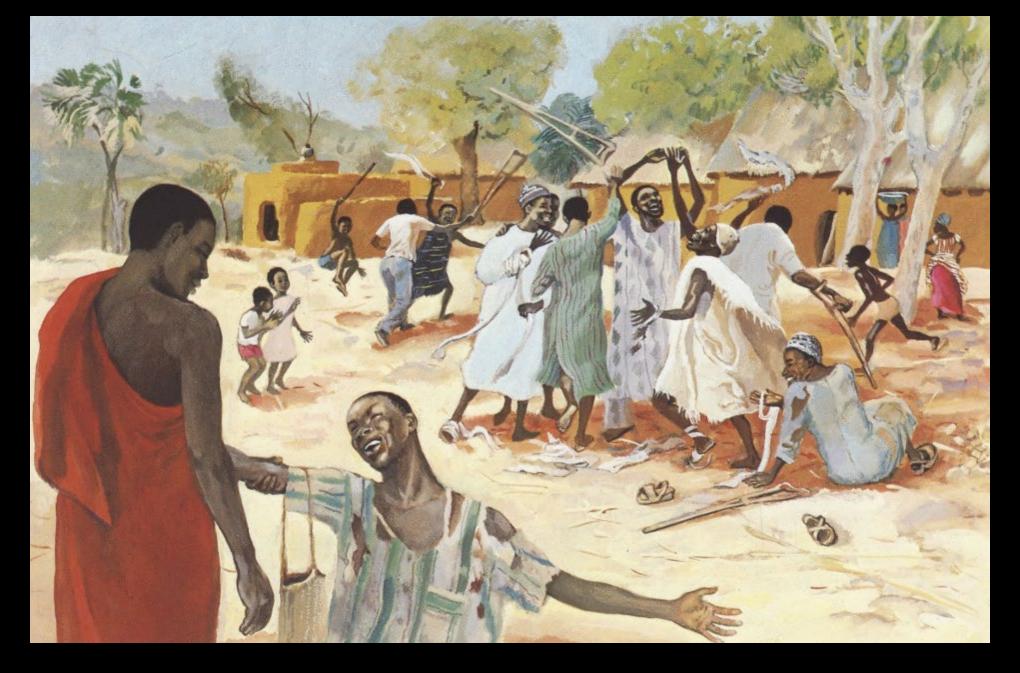
Luke 17:14



Christ and the Ten Lepers -- Codex Aureus Epternacensis, Freising, Germany

Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice.

Luke 17:15



The Grateful Leper -- JESUS MAFA, Cameroon

He prostrated himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him.
And he was a Samaritan.

Christ Heals the Ten Lepers

National Library of the Netherlands Hague, Netherlands

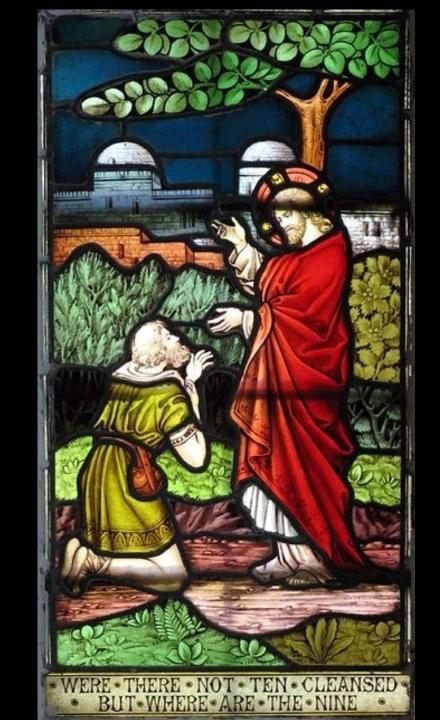


Then Jesus asked, "Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they? Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?"

Luke 17:17-18

Christ with the Grateful Samaritan Leper

Parish Church of St.
Andrew
Buckland,
England



Then he said to him, "Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well."

Luke 17:19

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