

April 20

A Samaritan Outcast with a Humble, Thankful Heart

To him who is...of a contrite spirit..."Your brothers who hate you, who cast you out for my name's sake, have said, 'Let Yahweh be glorified, that we may see your joy;' but it is those who shall be disappointed." – Isaiah 66:2-5

[Luke 17:11-19, the border between Galilee and Samaria] It happened as he was on his way to Jerusalem, that he was passing along the borders of Samaria and Galilee. As he entered into a certain village, ten men who were lepers met him, who stood at a distance. They lifted up their voices, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!"

When he saw them, he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." It

happened that as they went, they were cleansed. One of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, glorifying God with a loud voice. He fell on his face at Jesus' feet, giving him thanks; and he was a Samaritan. Jesus answered, "Weren't the ten cleansed? But where are the nine? Were there none found who returned to give glory to God, except this stranger?" Then he said to him, "Get up, and go your way. Your faith has healed you."

1. How are you an outcast? In what ways can Jesus heal you? How can you show thanks?
2. What has Jesus done for you already? Have you thanked him enough? Why or why not?
3. Jesus, thank you for taking an outcast like me and... Please help me reach out to outcasts...