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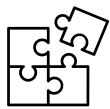
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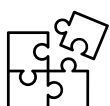
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Lepers (*shouting across the distance*): Jesus, Master, show mercy to us!

Jesus: Go now and present yourselves to the priests *for inspection of your disease*.

They went, and before they reached the priests, their skin disease was healed, *leaving no trace of the disease that scarred them and separated them from the community*.

One of them, the instant he realised he had been healed, turned and ran back to Jesus, shouting praises to God. He prostrated himself facedown at Jesus' feet.

Leper: Thank You! Thank You!

Now this fellow happened to be *not a Jew* but a Samaritan.

Jesus: Didn't all ten receive the same healing this fellow did? Where are the other nine? Was the only one who came back to give God praise an outsider? (*To the Samaritan man*): Get up and go your way. Your faith has made you healthy again.

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