

THE GREAT WENCHOSTER BIBLE

Luke 17:11-19

11. And it came to pass, as Jesus travelled to Jerusalem, that the road passed through the midst of Samaria and Galilee, for there was none other way that was free of nettles and sharp thorns and strange things lying in the middle of the road.

12. And as He entered into a certain village, the name of which is not recorded, Theophilus, though some have made unbelievable suggestions, there met Him ten men that were lepers, which stood afar off for they were smelly and unwashed, and bits of them kept falling off:

13. And lo! They lifted up their voices, and having sung an hymn said, Jesus, Master, have mercy on us, for our bodies may be unclean but our chorus work is exceeding melodius.

14. And suddenly when He saw them and had heard their chanting, He said unto them, Truly, truly I say unto you, your voices are true and your pitch is perfect. A little on the high side, but looking at one or two of you that's to be expected. Go shew yourselves unto the priests. And they did hesitate because of their ragged clothing, but taking courage they went their way, and it came to pass, that, as they went, they were cleansed. Oh yes.

15. And one of them, when he saw that he was healed, and that his robes were no longer rent, turned back, and with a loud voice sang several choruses, several choruses, several choruses, and glorified God, glorified God, glorified God.

16. And he fell down on his face at Jesus' feet, giving Him thanks. And Peter did say, Lord, knowest not thou that this man is a Samaritan? And Jesus replied, Tish, tush and fibble. That mattereth not to the ways of God. Get behind me, whatever your name is today!

17. And Jesus answering the man said, Grovel ye not. Were there not ten men cleansed? Where are the other – er, nine?

18. And turning to His disciples He said, Nota bene (for he was anticipating the Vulgate) that none have returned to give glory to God, save this stranger who worshippeth upon another mountain, which he hath climbed, and forded the stream thereon.

19. And He said unto him, Arise, go thy way: thy faith hath made thee whole. And the man did get to his feet, gave a little dance and went his way unto the city, and with the other nine did shew himself fully to the priests who were super-amazed, and who did exclaim, Golly, and Gosh, and How the fortunatus did that happen? And some did go to the foot of their stairs.