

# Harmony of the Gospels

# Reaction to the raising of Lazarus

## John 11:45-54

- Many believed in Him
- Some immediately reported the event to the Pharisees
- The Pharisees and the chief priests gathered the Sanhedrin and they planned to kill Jesus.
  - They admitted that Jesus performed many signs (miracles).
  - They knew that these signs were convincing and left unchecked would cause the masses of the people to believe in Him.

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  - They revealed their resistance to Jesus was based on their desire to preserve their nation and their positions.
  - Caiaphas, the high priest, in stating what was a crude and cruel practicality more worthy of a mob boss than a high priest of God's people actually captured exactly the fact that Jesus would die for the salvation of not only the national of Israel but also for the people of the whole world.

# Healing of ten lepers while passing through Samaria and Galilee Luke 17:11-21

- Leprosy could refer to a variety of skin diseases that are persistent, aggressive, contagious and humanly incurable in Jesus' day. (see Leviticus 13-14)
  - The rabbis considering cleaning one from leprosy was as difficult as raising the dead.
  - The supernatural cleansing of lepers was considered as one of the signs accompanying the Messianic age.
  - According to the Mosaic Law, the priest examined one with symptoms of leprosy. If a positive diagnosis was made the person would be declared ritually unclean. This meant that anyone coming into contact with them would become unclean.

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  - If a person experienced healing they had to return to the priests and there was a prescribed ritual cleansing and sacrifices.
  - It should have been notable to the priests of Jesus day that suddenly the rare occurrence of people coming for this cleansing ritual became a somewhat regular experience.

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- When the one returns to Jesus we find that the group consisted of nine Jews and one Samaritan.
- We all will do well to be diligent in thanksgiving and praise to God for His care and blessings.
- Jesus reveals that this is God's expectation of us.
- This man experienced something from Jesus that the other nine did not. The word translated "well" has the force of being saved or made whole.

# Instructions regarding the Son of Man's coming Luke 17:22-37

- The Pharisees were looking for the establishment of the kingdom on earth as will be the case in the millennial reign of Jesus at his return. Jesus reveals that the nature of the kingdom He came to bring in was one focused on the heart and not on an earthly kingdom.
- When Jesus returns it will be sudden and obvious as a lighting flash yet first He must suffer and be rejected by the current generation.

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- Life on the earth will be going on as normal as in the days of Noah and in the days of the destruction of Sodom.
- The event will take place so quickly that only those who are prepared for His coming will be ready.
- The followers of Jesus will be gathered to Him as naturally as vultures are gathered to a carcass.