

Welcome to  
Sierra Community Church

Psalm 5:8 Lead me, O LORD, in your righteousness because  
of my enemies— make STRAIGHT your way before me.



ARE YOU  
THE

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OUT OF

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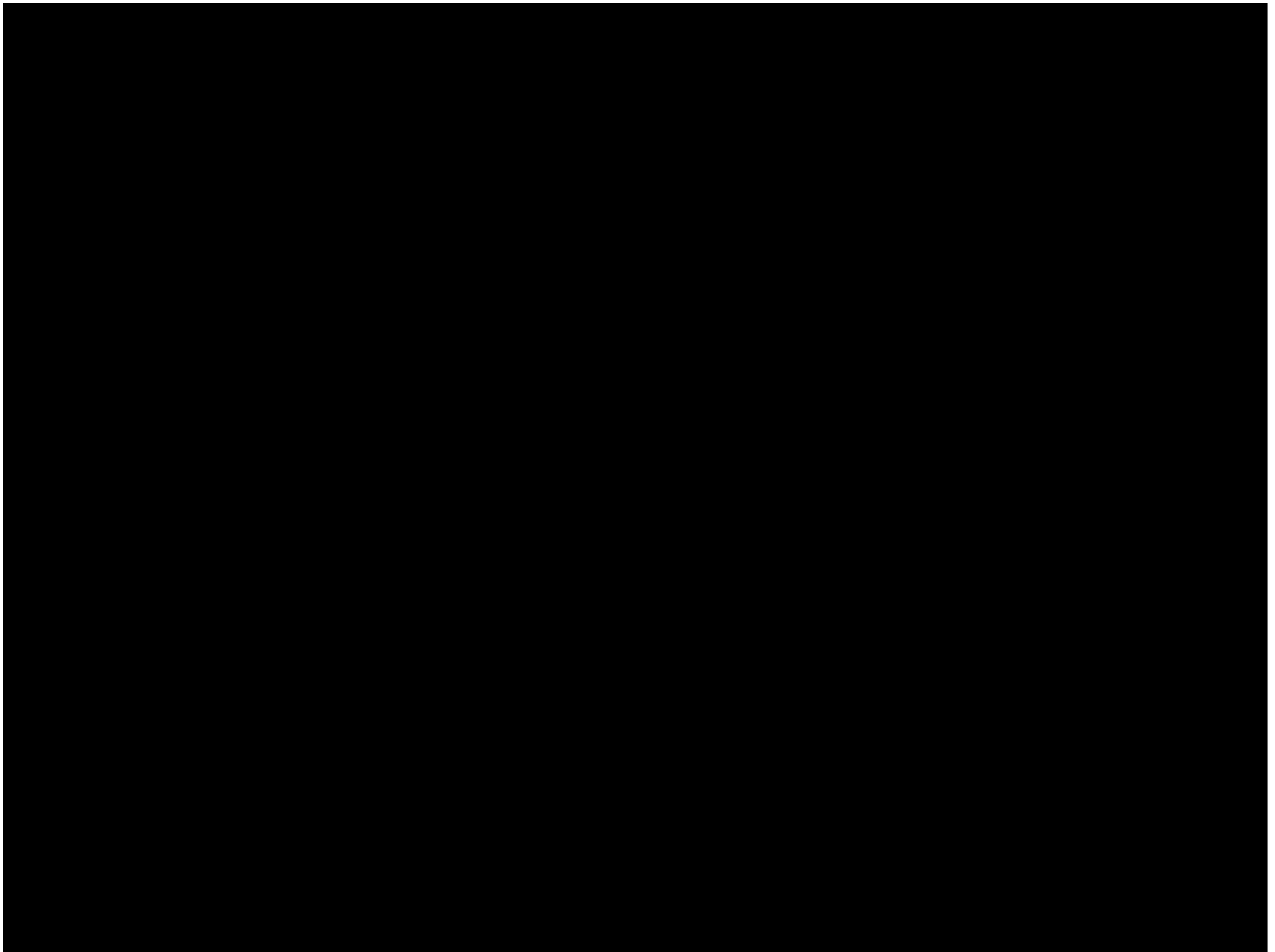
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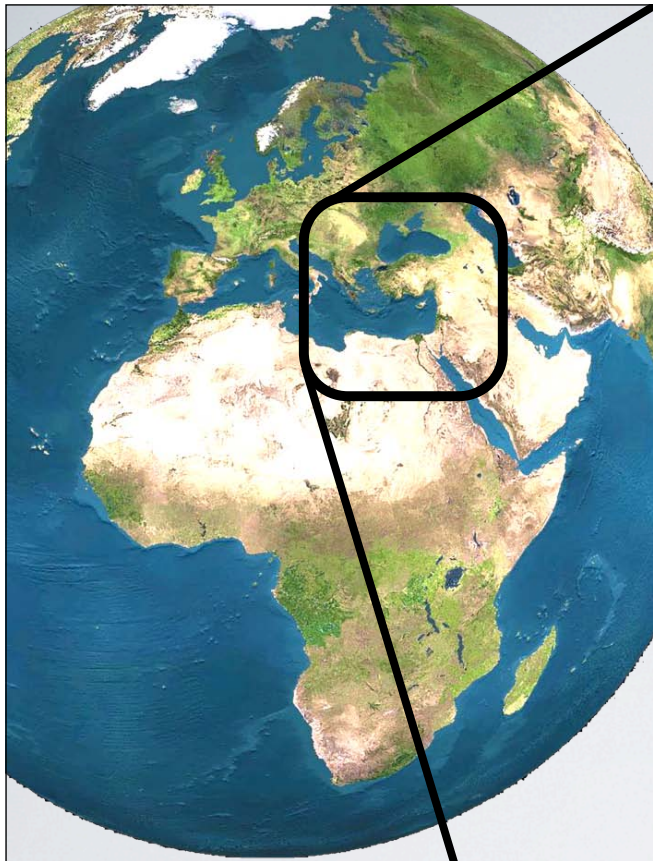
ARE YOU  
THE  
LUKE

17:11-19

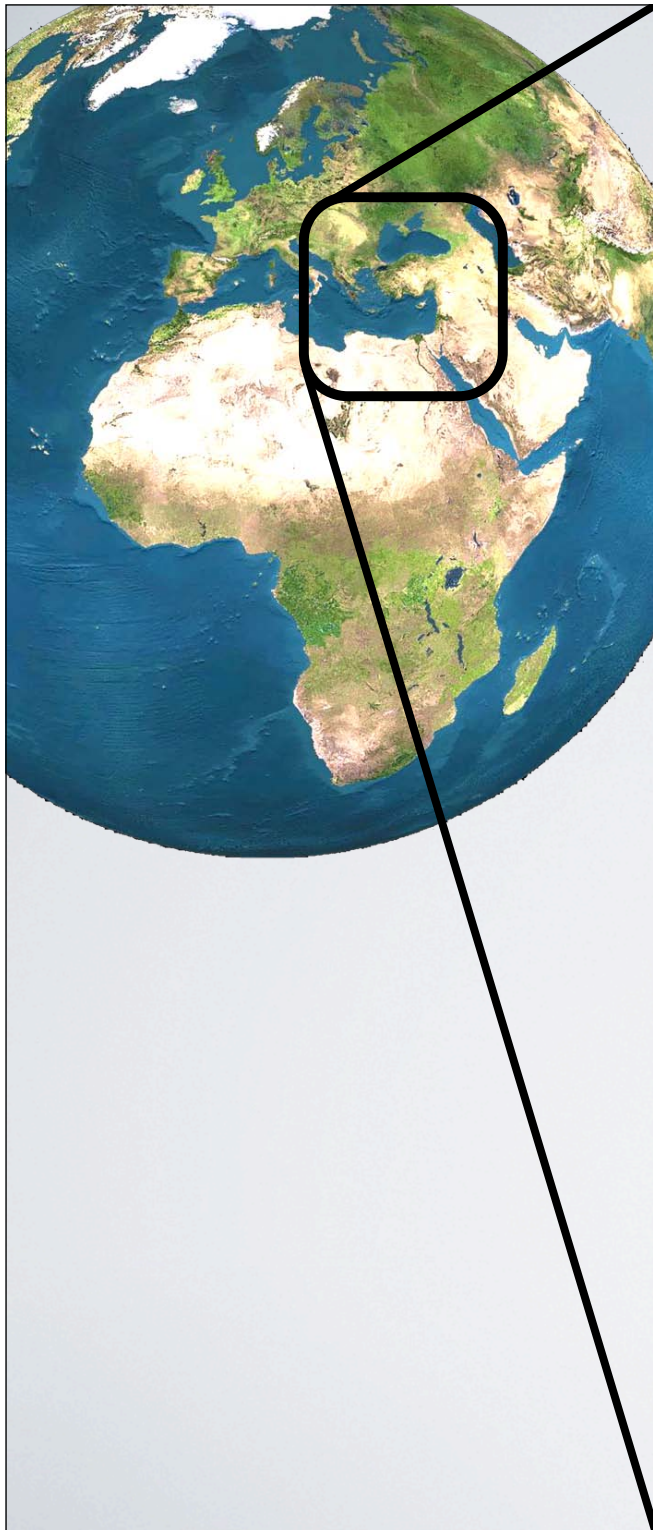
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**Galilee**

**Samaria**

**Jerusalem**

**Galilee & Judea**

**At the time of Christ**



# 10 LEPERS

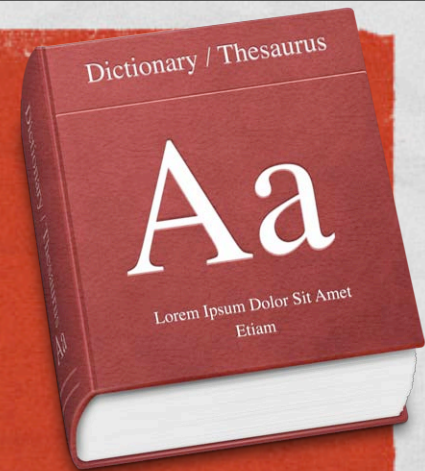
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- *There was no cure.*
- *It didn't matter that it's not easily transmitted!*
- *You could no longer be an active social participant.*



# 10 LEPERS

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*Luke 17:13 "Master"*

*Greek - ἐπιστάτης*

"Not from the fact that he was a teacher, but because of his **authority.**" -Thayer's Lexicon (Blue Letter Bible)



# 10 LEPERS

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*Luke 17:14 Jesus said, "go...", as they went, they were cleansed.*

***Trust*** and ***obedience***  
are equal partners, the  
product of genuine ***faith!***



# 9 CONTINUED ON...

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- *Were they distracted by anticipation of a life rediscovered?*
- *Was it just procrastination?*
- *Certainly they didn't fully appreciate what Jesus COULD do for them!*



# WHY WE CONTINUE ON...

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- *We are so busy!*
- *We procrastinate.*
- *We believe we are ENTITLED to the good life!*
- *Self-centeredness causes us to lose perspective.*



# WHY WE CONTINUE ON...

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Lewis CK on “Conan”

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=itn8TwFCO4M>



# 1 RETURNS

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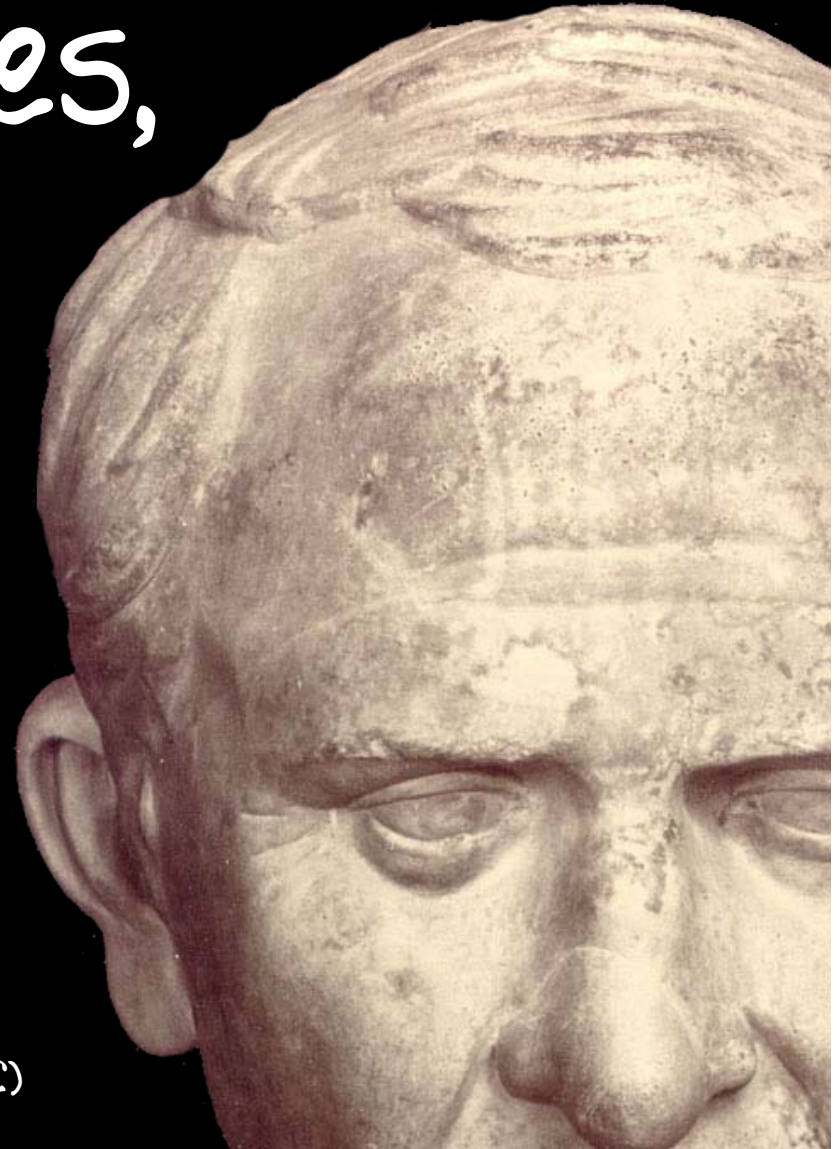
The "1" returner puts first things first. There is plenty of time to enjoy life, gratitude was his priority.



“Gratitude is not only the  
greatest of virtues,  
but the parent  
of all others.”

– Cicero

Pro Plancio, 54 B.C. Roman author, orator, & politician (106 BC - 43 BC)





# WE RETURN

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Romans 1:20-21 For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities—his eternal power and divine nature—have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that men are without excuse. <sup>21</sup> For although they knew God, they neither glorified him as God nor gave thanks to him, but their thinking became futile and their foolish hearts were darkened.



# WE RETURN

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- *Being grateful guards us from a prideful heart.*
- *It's the way of salvation.*
- *Tonight, make a "thank you" phone call or write a letter.*
- *Before you leave, thank God for who He is and what He's done for you.*



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