

Scripture

Luke 13:1-9 (NLT)

A Call to Repentance

- 1 About this time Jesus was informed that Pilate had murdered some people from Galilee as they were offering sacrifices at the Temple. 2 “Do you think those Galileans were worse sinners than all the other people from Galilee?” Jesus asked. “Is that why they suffered? 3 Not at all! And you will perish, too, unless you repent of your sins and turn to God.”

- 4 “And what about the eighteen people who died when the tower in Siloam fell on them? Were they the worst sinners in Jerusalem?”
- 5 “No, and I tell you again that unless you repent, you will perish, too.”

Parable of the Barren Fig Tree

- 6 Then Jesus told this story: “A man planted a fig tree in his garden and came again and again to see if there was any fruit on it, but he was always disappointed.”

7 “Finally, he said to his gardener, *‘I’ve waited three years, and there hasn’t been a single fig! Cut it down. It’s just taking up space in the garden.’*”

8 “The gardener answered, *‘Sir, give it one more chance. Leave it another year, and I’ll give it special attention and plenty of fertilizer. 9 If we get figs next year, fine. If not, then you can cut it down.’*”