



Tell Me the Story of Jesus

Lesson 13 – Luke 13

People — Who is involved?

Jesus – teaching and lamenting over Jerusalem

Places — Where does it happen?

*Jerusalem – Pilate killing Galileans
Siloam - tower fell on 18 killing them
A synagogue - infirmed woman came.
Cities and villages on the way from Galilee
to Jerusalem (vs. 22)*

Pearls — What information will help me to understand better?

Vs 1 – Pilate was responsible for the deaths of Galileans killed while worshiping in Jerusalem.

Vs 2 – Jesus' question is whether they thought the Galileans were being punished for their sins.

Vs 3 – His answer is "No." They were not "worse sinners" and these, being sinners, must also repent.

Vs 4 – Siloam was near the southeast corner of Jerusalem's walls; there was a water reservoir there.

Apparently there had been a terrible accident there; they were not killed for being worse sinners.

Vs 8 – The vinedresser represents a compassionate Jesus; the owner is an equally compassionate God.

Vs 14 – Ruler of a synagogue was in charge of maintaining orderly religious services. He thought the Sabbath had been violated by Jesus.

Vs 15 – The ruler was a hypocrite because he knew that the Sabbath law did not prohibit acts of charity.

Vs 19 – A mustard seed was extremely small. It produced a bush or tree rising to about ten feet high.

Birds nesting refers to people coming to the kingdom for spiritual shade, shelter, and security.

Vs 21 – Three measures would be more than a bushel and up to 50 lbs. A little leavens a lot!

Vs 22 – Jesus deliberately went to Jerusalem to sacrifice himself (see also 9:51; 18:31).

Vs 29 – Not just Jews, but people from every direction (Gentiles), would be received in God's kingdom.

Vs 32 – Herod (Antipas) is called a "fox" because he was devious, unscrupulous, treacherous, insincere.

*Vs 34 – Jezebel had slain prophets of God (1 Kings 18:4); Jehoiakim killed Urijah (Jer. 26:20-24);
Zechariah was stoned in Jerusalem (2 Chron. 24:20-22); killing others caused Judah's captivity
(Nehemiah 9:26-27).*

Vs 35 – The desolation of Jerusalem ultimately came at the hands of the Romans (A.D. 70)

Perspectives — What may I learn from this chapter?

1. All must repent because all have sinned (see Romans 3:23; Acts 2:38). We must also bear fruit.
2. God's kingdom began small but continues to grow into a great spiritual body.
3. We must be prepared because at any time our door may be shut and we refused entrance to a place with God.