



Synopsis

A snapshot of the chapter

The thirteenth chapter presents the great concern of Jesus for those who were identified as God's people but who failed to remain in close relationship with Him. This type person refuses to repent and bear fruit for the Lord. Those of His day also rejected Him as God's Son. This concern is expressed in a number of statements, in a miracle, and in several parables: a statement of the choice to repent or perish (1-5); the parable of the barren fig tree (6-9); the healing of a crippled woman (10-17); the parables of mustard seed and leaven (18-21); the illustration of entering by the narrow door (22-30); and Jesus' own lament over the city of Jerusalem because it was God's city and the people in it were rejecting God's Son (31-35).

Observation—What do you see?

Important Person(s):

Main Event(s):

Study Questions:

1. *What is every person's choice with regard to his sinful ways?*
2. *What is the lesson of the barren fig tree for Jesus' followers?*
3. *How was the ruler of the synagogue a hypocrite?*
4. *How is the spiritual kingdom of God like a mustard seed and leaven?*
5. *Why will only few be saved?*

Questions:

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- 2.
- 3.