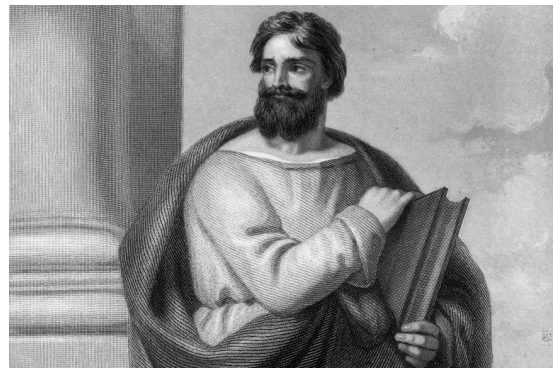


THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO

LUKE



LUKE 13

UNLESS YOU REPENT... (VV. 1-9)

- Background
 - Galileans whose blood Pilate had mixed with their sacrifices — It is unknown exactly what event is referenced here. However, at about this time Pilate had been involved in a new and improved water supply plant to be underwritten in part by Rome, but in part by the Temple. When the Jews rioted over this use of Temple funds, Pilate sent out undercover soldiers with sticks to subdue and disperse the mob. The soldiers proved too zealous and killed a number of those protesting. It is thought that this may be the event that put Pilate and Herod Antipas (king over Galilee and Perea) at odds, a quarrel which was put to rest, when Pilate sent Jesus to Herod during Jesus' trial (Luke 23:6;12).
 - Tower of Siloam fell killing 18 — The tower of Siloam falling on 18 men is an even more obscure reference to modern students. The best guess is that there were workmen who had been working on Pilate's hated aqueduct, taking sacred money for a secular project, and that when the tower killed these workmen that popular wisdom decided that it was God's punishment on them for their sin.
- What was the common wisdom Jesus' day about why bad things happened to people?
 - What is Jesus implying as He begins His teaching with, "Do you suppose that these Galileans were greater sinners...because they suffered this fate?"
 - If we accept the principle that bad things only happen to bad people, what could we conclude about ourselves, if bad things haven't happened to us?
 - What is the real correlation between sin and suffering?
 - Do bad things only happen to the bad?
- What is the connection between the above verses and the parable of the fig tree in the vineyard?

- If bad things haven't happened to us yet, what true thing could we conclude?
- What should we understand about the patience of God?

HEALING ON SABBATH? (VV. 10-17)

- What was the Sabbath about according to Moses?
 - Exodus 20:8-11
 - Exodus 31:13-17
- What did Jesus say about the Sabbath?
 - Mark 2:27
 - Luke 14:5
- What was wrong with the woman who had come to synagogue on this Sabbath in which Jesus was teaching?
 - Who initiated the contact?
 - What did Jesus **do**?
 - What happened to the woman?
 - What was the response of the synagogue official?
 - Who really healed the woman?

- If healing on the Sabbath were wrong, would God have healed her?
- Why do you suppose that the synagogue official missed this?
- What was Jesus' response to their criticisms about healing on the Sabbath day?
 - "But the Lord answered him and said, "You hypocrites, does not each of you on the Sabbath _____ his _____ or his _____ from the stall and lead him away to water him? "And this _____, a daughter of Abraham as she is, whom Satan has _____ for eighteen long years, should she not have been _____ from this bond on the Sabbath day?" Luke 13:15, 16, NAS95.
- FYI, it was legal to untie your animals and water them.

SMALL BEGINNINGS (VV. 18-21)

- What is Jesus saying about the kingdom with the comparison to the mustard seed?
- What is Jesus saying about the kingdom as He compares it to a woman hiding a little leaven in three pecks of flour?
 - How much is a peck?

JUST A FEW (VV. 22-30)

- What kind of a man was asking Jesus this question (race / religion)?
 - What sort of answer was he probably expecting?
 - Do you think Jesus' answer surprised him? (Why or why not?)

- What does the word strive mean?
- Does this parable remind you of another parable?

DANGERS: HEROD & JERUSALEM (VV. 31-35)

- Why do you suppose Herod wanted to kill Jesus?
 - What does Luke 23:8ff say Herod wanted Jesus for?
 - Was Jesus afraid of Herod?
 - What did Jesus mean by calling Herod a fox?
 - What is the meaning of vv. 32 and 33?
 - What did Jesus mean by “it cannot be that a prophet would perish outside of Jerusalem”?
- What was Jesus’ attitude about Jerusalem?