



TODAY'S MESSAGE

LUKE 13

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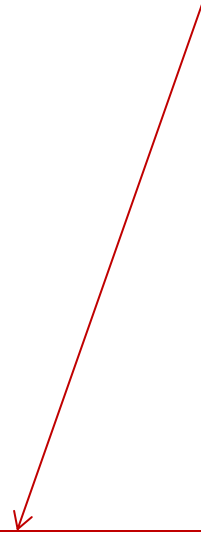
Luke 12:6-7 NIRV



Our Key verses

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Apparently messengers from Jerusalem had just arrived with news about Pilate's act. This is the usual force of the Greek verb *apaggello*, translated "reported" or "told." Some Galileans had been in Jerusalem offering sacrifices at the temple. This may have been at Passover since only then did non-priests offer sacrifices. Pilate, the Roman governor of the province of Judea, may have killed them beside the altar in the temple courtyard. However the figure of speech that Luke used to describe Pilate's action permits a somewhat looser interpretation. There are no extra-biblical references to this event currently ~ Constable

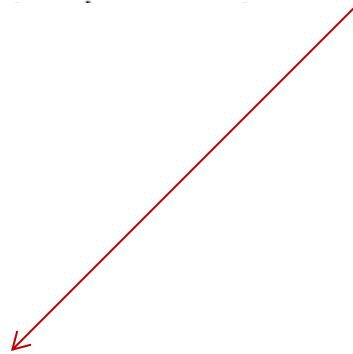
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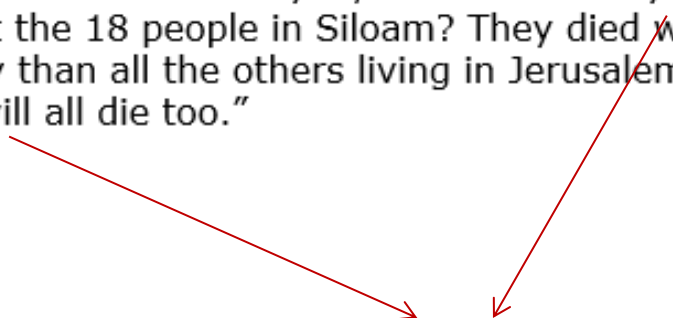
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What does this mean? Surely everyone dies?

What questions does this prompt us to ask?

⁶ Then Jesus told a story. "A man had a fig tree," he said. "It had been planted in his vineyard. When he went to look for fruit on it, he didn't find any. ⁷ So he went to the man who took care of the vineyard. He said, 'For three years now I've been coming to look for fruit on this fig tree. But I haven't found any. Cut it down! Why should it use up the soil?'

How does this relate to what he has just said?

⁸ "'Sir,' the man replied, 'leave it alone for one more year. I'll dig around it and feed it. ⁹ If it bears fruit next year, fine! If not, then cut it down.'"

What could this mean?

How does this relate to the previous slides discussion?

*Are we not now feeling Jesus is being hard and rather
compassionless?*

Lets see his next story...

¹⁰ Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues on a Sabbath day. ¹¹ A woman there had been disabled by an evil spirit for 18 years. She was bent over and could not stand up straight.

¹² Jesus saw her. He asked her to come to him. He said to her, "Woman, you will no longer be disabled. I am about to set you free." ¹³ Then he put his hands on her.

Right away she stood up straight and praised God.

Good thing to do right?

If we had to complain about something what could we find to complain about?

Would any complain about this have impressed the crowd?

¹⁴ Jesus had healed the woman on the Sabbath day. This made the synagogue ruler angry. He told the people, "There are six days for work. So come and be healed on those days. But do not come on the Sabbath."

How do you think the crowd would have reacted?

Would the synagogue ruler have won his point do you think?

¹⁵ The Lord answered him, "You pretenders! Doesn't each of you go to the barn and untie his ox or donkey on the Sabbath day? Then don't you lead it out to give it water? ¹⁶ This woman is a member of Abraham's family line. But Satan has kept her disabled for 18 long years. Shouldn't she be set free on the Sabbath day from what was keeping her disabled?"

¹⁷ When Jesus said this, all those who opposed him were put to shame. But the people were delighted. They loved all the wonderful things he was doing.

Set free on the Sabbath...how does that relate to the previous story?

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³⁴ "Jerusalem! Jerusalem! You kill the prophets and throw stones in order to kill those who are sent to you. Many times I have wanted to gather your people together. I have wanted to be like a hen who gathers her chicks under her wings. But you would not let me!"

³⁵ "Look, your house is left empty. I tell you, you will not see me again until you say, 'Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.'" (Psalm 118:26)

Who was it that was trying to help Jesus?

Were they safe telling him this?

Why tell him this?

*What is the difference between their thinking
and Jesus thinking?*

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What was Jesus referring to here?

If we knew we could avoid that horrible death
what would we have done?

Jesus is sad about the lack of righteousness in
the Jewish people isn't he?

Let's project superiority, hold to sacrifice, control and try to make others conform to the rules and society expectations. Numb and hide from what we fear.

Face it with fear and rule keeping. Do what society demands. Try to research and the control everything.

We keep the laws and do as people tell us. We place faith in our history and traditions. Our sacrifices make us worthy. We never really believe we are worthy.

Try to control it, place rules around it to limit it, eradicate what gives us fear. We want Jesus removed as he rocks the status quo. We want conformity by law and ritual!

Believers in the law ,temple, Israel being divine as a nation a light to other nations, but rejecting Jesus

THE DIFFERENCE

HOW DO WE DEAL WITH VULNERABILITY

HOW DO WE DEAL WITH WORTHINESS?

HOW WE DEAL WITH FEAR

PEOPLE OF ISRAEL

Let's respect others and have humility. Let's let Jesus do, let's understand vulnerability gives life and Jesus overcomes inadequacies we have. Trust Holy Spirit, not rules. Respect and give others their space.

Face it confident Jesus will lead us through. Letting go to experience joys and sadness's and the fullness of life.

We are worthy! We accept it! We know it is not our doing that makes us that way. Jesus makes us worthy.

Face it, know not everything is good, and not everything bad, but Jesus makes the difference. People are allowed to have free will! Conformity is not mandatory but chosen due to love.

Believers in Jesus as son of God bringing in the kingdom of heaven

What can we learn from this?