

Sunday 20th March 2022

Luke 13:31-35 New International Version - UK

Jesus' sorrow for Jerusalem

³¹ At that time some Pharisees came to Jesus and said to him, 'Leave this place and go somewhere else. Herod wants to kill you.'

³² He replied, 'Go and tell that fox, "I will keep on driving out demons and healing people today and tomorrow, and on the third day I will reach my goal." ³³ In any case, I must press on today and tomorrow and the next day – for surely no prophet can die outside Jerusalem!



³⁴ 'Jerusalem, Jerusalem, you who kill the prophets and stone those sent to you, how often I have longed to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, and you were not willing. ³⁵ Look, your house is left to you desolate. I tell you, you will not see me again until you say, "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord."'

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“Christ takes ridicule and threats for what they are, subordinate and in service to the purposes of God. Persecution should shape resolve rather than shun it.”

Lent is a time to let go of our fear of the people and things that plague us.

1. How do the images help you understand the message of the passage?
2. How does the message apply to our living as followers of Jesus?
3. What persecution or ridicule have you faced / do you face for your faith?
4. How has God helped you to overcome and to turn persecution around?

During the week reflect on this passage
before we meet on: Sunday 27th March 2022

Luke 13:1-9

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Repent or perish

13 Now there were some present at that time who told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mixed with their sacrifices. ² Jesus answered, 'Do you think that these Galileans were worse sinners than all the other Galileans because they suffered this way? ³ I tell you, no! But unless you repent, you too will all perish. ⁴ Or those eighteen who died when the tower in Siloam fell on them – do you think they were more guilty than all the others living in Jerusalem? ⁵ I tell you, no! But unless you repent, you too will all perish.'

⁶ Then he told this parable: 'A man had a fig-tree growing in his vineyard, and he went to look for fruit on it but did not find any. ⁷ So he said to the man who took care of the vineyard, "For three years now I've been coming to look for fruit on this fig-tree and haven't found any. Cut it down! Why should it use up the soil?"

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

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1. As you read the passage what phrase or word stands out for you?
2. How does this passage relate to your everyday experience?
3. What effect does undealt with sin have on our lives?
4. How does God deal with our sin? And how does he deal with us after we have received forgiveness?

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