

March 20th, 2022 Sermon Bible Study (Lent 3)

Sermon: Luke 13:1-9

¹At that time there were some present who told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mixed with their sacrifices. ²He answered them, “Do you think that these Galileans were worse sinners than all the other Galileans because they suffered these things? ³I tell you, no. But unless you repent, you will all perish too. ⁴Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower in Siloam fell on them—do you think that they were worse sinners than all the people living in Jerusalem? ⁵I tell you, no. But unless you repent, you will all perish too.” ⁶He told them this parable: “A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard. He came looking for fruit on it, but he did not find any. ⁷So he said to the gardener, ‘Look, for three years now I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and I have found none. Cut it down. Why even let it use up the soil?’ ⁸But the gardener replied to him, ‘Sir, leave it alone this year also, until I dig around it and put fertilizer on it. ⁹If it produces fruit next year, fine. But if not, then cut it down.’”

Theme: Repent or Die?

Link to Audio Sermon:

<http://www.christlutheranwestsalem.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/3-20-2022.mp3>

Sermon Study Guide

Contemplate these questions during the sermon and feel free to write your thoughts in the blank spaces.

1. It is true that we sometimes face consequences for our sinful actions (if you are speeding you may get fined as a result). Can you think of any examples of earthly consequences for specific sins? Can you think of examples of earthly consequences we face simply because we live in a sinful world?
2. Not every hardship we face is the result of a specific sin we have committed. Regardless of the specific sins each individual has committed, what do we all need to do? If we don't, what is the result?
3. The vineyard owner was rightly disappointed when he didn't see his tree bearing fruit. His justifiable course of action was to destroy the tree. What does the gardener promise to do if he is given one more year with the tree?
4. God is the vineyard owner. He is rightly disappointed when he sees our lives of sin and lack of the fruits of faith. What did Jesus promise to do to save us from our sin? How does this highlight our great need for repentance?