

Jesus Magnified

Luke 13

Lesson 12

FIRST DAY: Read Luke 13

Jesus is always correcting our perspective on life. Too often we are unaware of the prejudices, pre-conceived notions, and cultural pressures that are influencing our viewpoints.

In biblical times, tragedy and suffering were seen as the just recompense to those who were afflicted. People assumed that those injured somehow deserved what they received because of their overt or covert behavior. In Luke 13 Jesus dispelled these misconceptions and pointed out that bad things happen to the deserving and undeserving alike. Jesus alone makes the difference in life! Only He has the power to deliver from evil, turn tragedy to triumph, and provide an entrance into the kingdom of God. Jesus longed to provide this to Jerusalem, but they were continually unwilling. Today Jesus offers this same deliverance, triumph, and protection to anyone who is willing to receive Him.

Ask God to free you from any misconceptions and help you to willingly find refuge under His wings (Luke 13:34).

SECOND DAY: Read Luke 13:1-9

1. According to Luke 13:1 (NLT), *About this time Jesus was informed that Pilate had murdered some people from Galilee as they were offering sacrifices at the Temple.* Jesus used this incident as an opportunity to make an important point. Use Luke 13:2-5 to answer the following:
 - a. What rhetorical questions did Jesus pose concerning:
 - (1) *The Galileans* (verse 2)

 - (2) *The eighteen at the tower in Siloam* (verse 4)

b. *Repentance* means to turn from your sins to God. From verses 3 and 5 record Jesus' answer to these questions.

(1) What point was Jesus making?

(2) What do you draw from this?

2. Jesus then gave a *parable* about a *fig tree* to demonstrate God's principles of judgment. As the vineyard owner, He is looking for *fruit* in people's lives and will judge accordingly. With this in mind, use Luke 13:6-9 to note and comment on:

a. The problem with the *fig tree* (verse 6)

b. The owner's response (verse 7)

(1) Link this with John 15:2a, 6. Why is this sobering?

c. The keeper's solution (verses 8-9)

(1) Link this with the following verses to comment on God's judgment:

(a) Lamentations 3:32-33

(b) 2 Peter 3:9

3. From today's study share any perspective you have received on:

a. Tragedy

b. Judgment

THIRD DAY: Read Luke 13:10-17

1. Describe the condition of the *woman* Jesus encountered when *He was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath*. Luke 13:10-11

2. From Luke 13:12-13 cite the progression of her healing:

a. He _____ to Him (verse 12a)

b. *Woman, you are* _____ *from your* _____ (verse 12b)

c. *He* _____ *on her* (verse 13a)

d. *Immediately she was* _____ (verse 13b)

(1) What does this convey to you about Jesus?

3. Compare the woman's reaction in Luke 13:13b with that of the *ruler of the synagogue* in Luke 13:14a. What do you see?
 - a. What did the *ruler of the synagogue* tell *the crowd*? Luke 13:14b
 - (1) What do you think of his response?

4. When Jesus called this *ruler* a *hypocrite* (Luke 13:15a), what did He point out? Luke 13:15b
 - a. Why *ought* this *woman* be helped? Luke 13:16
 - (1) Note and comment on Jesus' empathy for this woman.
 - (2) Link this with John 8:36. Share your thoughts.

5. From Luke 13:17 contrast and comment on the reaction to Jesus' words by:
 - a. *His adversaries*

b. *All the multitude*

6. What is your takeaway from your study today?

FOURTH DAY: Read Luke 13:18-21

1. Jesus often used the phrase *the kingdom of God*. Peruse the following Scriptures and jot down any insights you receive concerning *the kingdom of God*:

a. Matthew 12:7-8

b. Mark 1:15

c. Mark 10:14-15

(1) How would you define *the kingdom of God*?

2. Jesus used illustrations that were familiar to the people. From Luke 13:18-23 summarize what He said about:

a. *A mustard seed*

(1) Link this with Matthew 13:31–32 and Mark 4:31–32. Cite any additional details you find.

b. *Leaven*

(1) Though *leaven* was equated with sin, it was also an ingredient used successfully in many Jewish recipes. Why do you think Jesus chose this analogy?

3. What perspective do you think Jesus was communicating concerning *the kingdom of God*?

4. Share a way you have seen the dynamic effect of God's kingdom upon the world.

FIFTH DAY: Read Luke 13:22–30

1. From Luke 13:22 note Jesus' activity on His way *toward Jerusalem*.

2. Observe and record Jesus' direct response to the *one* who asked a general question, *Are there few who are saved?* Luke 13:23–24

a. Link this with Matthew 7:13–14 and share your thoughts.

3. To warn those who refused to *enter through the narrow gate*, Jesus gave an illustration comparing God to the *Master of the house*. Use this illustration in Luke 13:25–27 to detail:

a. The Master's actions (verse 25a)

b. The actions and words of those *outside* (verses 25b–26)

c. The Master's response (verses 25c, 27)

(1) What do you find most sobering about this illustration?

4. From Luke 13:28–30 contrast and remark on those:

a. *In the kingdom*

b. *Thrust out*

(1) Compare this warning with Matthew 7:21–23. What do you see?

5. From your study today, identify a correct perspective on those who will enter the *kingdom of God*.

SIXTH DAY: Read Luke 13:31–35

1. As Jesus was teaching the people, *some Pharisees came*. What did they warn Jesus of? Luke 13:31
 - a. Recall that Herod had put John the Baptist to death (Luke 9:9). How did this intensify the warning?
2. Note that in Luke 13:32a Jesus called Herod a *fox*, which denotes a shrewd but weak ruler. What does this convey about Jesus' view of Herod?
3. Read Jesus' response to Herod in Luke 13:32–33 to answer the following questions:
 - a. What would Jesus continue doing? (verse 32b)
 - b. What would happen *the third day*? (verse 32c)

(1) In Greek, the word for *perfected* conveys reaching a goal. Link this with Hebrews 2:10 and 5:9. Why was this a fitting word to use?

c. What reason did Jesus offer for why He *must journey*? (verse 33)

4. In Luke 13:34–35 Jesus lamented over Jerusalem. Use His lament to note and comment on:

a. Jerusalem's actions (verse 34a)

b. Jesus' desire (verse 34b)

(1) Link this with Psalm 36:7, Psalm 91:4, and Malachi 4:2. Cite the benefits Jesus was offering.

(2) Why do you desire to be under Jesus' *wings*?

c. Jerusalem's response (verse 34c)

d. Jerusalem's future (verse 35)

e. What does this lamentation reveal to you about Jesus' heart?

5. How was Jesus magnified through your study this week?