

PODCAST LENT 3

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OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 55:1-9

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- 'Come, all you who are thirsty, come to the waters; and you who have no money, come, buy and eat!

 Come, buy wine and milk without money and without cost.
- Why spend money on what is not bread, and your labour on what does not satisfy?
- Listen, listen to me, and eat what is good, and you will delight in the richest of fare. Give ear and come to me; listen, that you may live. I will make an everlasting covenant with you, my faithful love promised to David.
- See, I have made him a witness to the peoples, a ruler and commander of the peoples. Surely you will summon nations you know not, and nations you do not know will come running to you, because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has endowed you with splendour.'
- Seek the LORD while he may be found; call on him while he is near.
- Let the wicked forsake their ways and the unrighteous their thoughts.

GOSPEL READING Luke 13: 1-9

Luke 13: 1-9 At that very time there were some present who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. ² He asked them, 'Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? ³ No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. ⁴ Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them—do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? ⁵ No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did.'

The Parable of the Barren Fig Tree

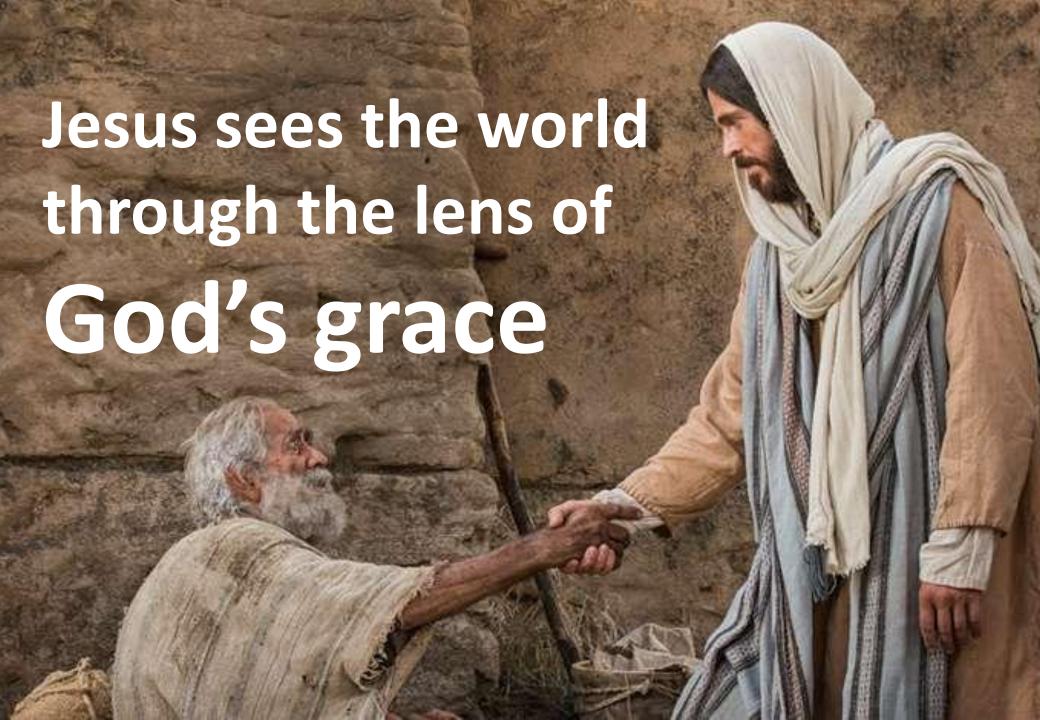
⁶ Then he told this parable: 'A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. ⁷ So he said to the gardener, "See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?"

⁸ He replied, "Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig round it and put manure on it. ⁹ If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down."

Interpreting Tragedy & spiritual fruitfulness

Why us? What have we done to deserve this?

Retribution for sin *Karma*





'Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans?

Luke 13:2

'No. But unless you repent [turn to God & change from within] you will all die the same way.'

Luke 13:3

"Why do you look at the speck of sawdust in your brother's eye and pay no attention to the plank in your own eye?"

Luke 6: 41

"Do not judge, and you will not be judged." Luke 6:37

