

LUKE 13



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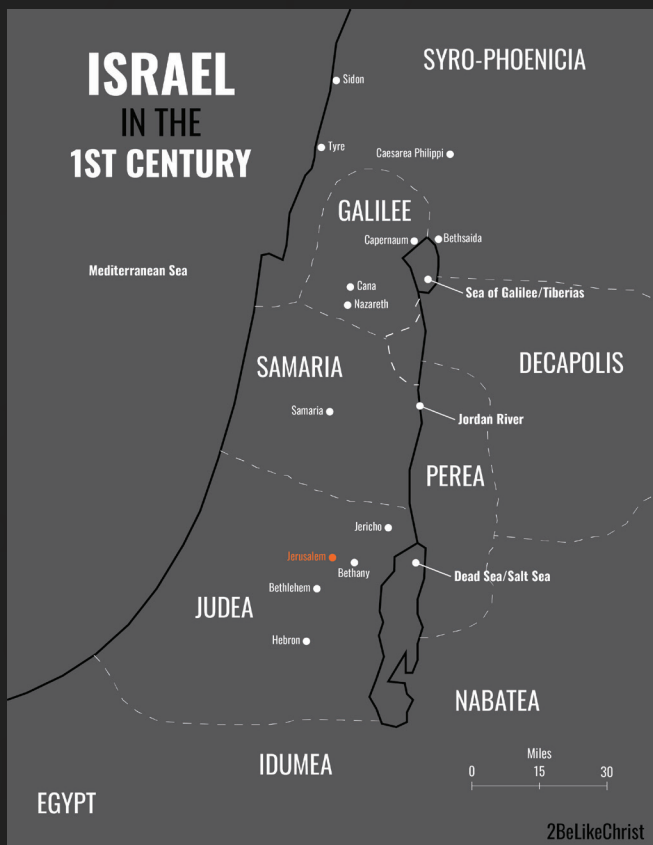
- The events of chapter 13 were part of Jesus' ministry on earth.
- These events took place approximately 30-33 A.D..

CHARACTERS:

- **Jesus** - The Son of God.
- **Handicapped Woman** - The woman was "bent over and could not fully straighten herself."
- **The Pharisees** - Jewish religious leaders who were determined to undermine Jesus.
- **Herod** - Herod Antipas the ruler of Galilee and Perea.

WHERE:

- Luke does not share the exact location of these events.
- Verse 22 reads, "He [Jesus] went on his way through towns and villages, teaching and journeying toward Jerusalem."



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OVERVIEW:

- JESUS TEACHES ABOUT REPENTANCE (13:1-5):
 - + Two incidents are mentioned in this section: (1) the killing of some Galileans by Pilate the Roman governor and (2) the collapse of a tower of Siloam that killed 18 people.
 - + Jesus taught that all men needed to repent before they died physically and spiritually.
- PARABLE OF A FRUITLESS FIG TREE (13:6-9):
 - + A vineyard owner wanted a fig tree cut down because it hadn't produced fruit in three years.
 - + The vinedresser asked the owner to give the tree one more year to produce fruit before cutting it down.
- A DISABLED WOMAN HEALED (13:10-17):
 - + While teaching in the synagogue, Jesus healed a woman who was "bent over."
 - + The ruler of the synagogue told the people Jesus had broken God's law by healing on a Sabbath day.
 - + Jesus rebuked the man and revealed His hypocrisy to the people.
- THE KINGDOM OF GOD IS LIKE A MUSTARD SEED AND LEAVEN (13:18-21):
- THE NARROW DOOR (13:22-30):
 - + As Jesus went to Jerusalem, a man asked Him, "Lord will those who are saved be few?"
 - + Jesus responded, "Strive to enter through the narrow door. For many, I tell you, will seek to enter and will not be able."
 - + Jesus taught that the door would one day be closed and those left outside would not be allowed in.
 - + "In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth" (13:28).
- HEROD THREATENS JESUS (13:31-33):
 - + The Pharisees warned Jesus Herod was planning to kill Him and advised Him to leave the area.
 - + Jesus wasn't concerned. He told the Pharisees He would stay and accomplish the work He intended to do.
- JESUS LAMENTS THE WICKEDNESS OF JERUSALEM AND ITS PEOPLE (13:34-35):

BIG PICTURE:

- Repentance is a key theme in this chapter and throughout the entire Bible.
- All of us must repent of the sin in our lives because it is our sin that separates us from God.
- If we do not turn away from sin, we will be cast out of God's presence like those talked about in verse 27.

TAKEAWAYS:

- Take advantage of the opportunities God gives you.
- Don't put off becoming a Christian thinking you will have time to do it later.
- None of us knows when God will shut the door of opportunity, either in our death or in the return of Jesus.