

Watching the News with Jesus

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“Greater sin = greater suffering.”

I. Tragedy should lead us to self-reflection, not self-righteousness.

REPENT | “to turn and change direction.”

Repent ≠ say sorry

Repent = change course

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II. God's mercy comes to a climax in Jesus.

Main Idea: To reject the giver of life is to embrace an unavoidable death.