

Briarwood Presbyterian Church, PCA  
The Lord's Day Morning – April 16, 2023

Mark Cushman  
“The Barren Fig Tree”  
Luke 13:1–9

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Jesus turns their attention to their own rage and self-righteousness.

Jesus adds the report of another tragedy (4-5).

“No, I tell you ; but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish” (3, 5).

“All our lives are fragile, equally susceptible to such sudden, tragic endings.

We will perish, too, unless we turn back to God and repent.”

TAKE-AWAYS FROM THIS PARABLE....

- The Owner has planted the fig tree.
- The Owner expects to find fruit.
- The Owner is patient, but not permanently patient.
- Only the Vinedresser (Christ) stands between us and destruction.

READING (OR PRAYING) BIBLICAL LAMENTS....

- Turn us toward God.
- Express our complaint to God.
- Help us ask boldly before God.
- Affirm our trust in God.

WANT TO STUDY MORE?

Just Google “biblical laments.”

Here are twelve Psalms of lament to get you started:

3, 10, 13, 17, 31, 42, 43, 60, 79, 80, 94, & 102.