

## The Story Teller (Week 4): THE BARREN FIG TREE

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### Review:

- **Week 1:** The Soils—the seed is sown, and the soil receives the seed or not.
- **Week 2:** The Pearl of Great Price—Salvation is worth everything you have.
- **Week 3:** The Pharisee and the Tax Collector—Salvation by grace through faith—the gospel.

### THIS WEEK'S PARABLE: LUKE 13:1-9 (NIV)

- The context: The people brought up some current situations/events.
- The thought at the time was about why bad or good things happen.
- Jesus is talking to the Jews. This is a warning about what would happen to all the Jews. (See [Matthew 24 \(NIV\)](#)) It did happen in AD 70!

### 1. GOD WANTS REPENTANCE, AND REPENTANCE PRODUCES FRUIT!

- **Notice repentance is the key.** Faith produces repentance—fruit is consistent with repentance.
  - *Metanoia*: to have another mind

*“[Repentance] means unlearning all the self-conceit and self-will that we have been training ourselves into...It means killing part of yourself, undergoing that kind of death.” ~C.S. Lewis Mere Christianity*

### REMINISCENT OF JOHN THE BAPTIST: MATTHEW 3:7-10 (NIV)

### REPENTANCE IN SCRIPTURE: THE GOSPEL PREACHED FOR THE FIRST TIME.

- **ACTS 2:36-40 (NIV)**
  - Repentance is a change of heart that leads to a change of attitude and direction.
  - We were building a monument to ourselves; now we live a new life of spiritual fruit.

### A SPIRIT/HEART OF REPENTANCE PRODUCES FRUIT OF RIGHTEOUSNESS (see also [JAMES 2:14,17 \(NIV\)](#)).

- **2 CORINTHIANS 7:9-11 (NIV)**

### THE PARABLE: GOD EXPECTS SPECIFIC FRUIT IN KEEPING WITH REPENTANCE.

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