

**I. Read Luke 13:1-9**

- A. In verses 1-5, the relative guilt of a group of Galileans who had been killed is compared to the guilt of other Galileans. Jesus makes the point that they were no more guilty than others in Jerusalem. What is He really getting at?
- B. Jesus alludes to a common misconception that Israelites had about people upon whom disaster strikes. What is it?
- C. Why is this misconception about tragedy always being the result of sin wrong? (Matthew 5:45; John 16:33)
- D. In verse 5, Jesus uses the uncertainty of life, or perhaps more appropriately, the certainty that all will eventually die, to urge the people of Israel to repent. Is this appropriate to people in our day as well?
- E. In verses 6-9, Jesus uses an illustration of a fig tree to describe Israel's stubbornness. How?
- F. Read Luke 16:19-31 and describe how it illustrates the unwillingness of the people of Israel to listen to the truth.
- G. How does the story of the fig tree illustrate God's patience and mercy (13:6-9)?
- H. Read 2 Peter 3:8-9 and comment on what this passage tells us about God.
- I. What is the warning implicit in verse 9?

- J. List the attributes of God that are relevant to Luke 13:1-9.
  
- K. When the idea that unbelievers will face eternal judgment is discussed, what sort of objections are typically offered?
  
- L. Why is it important to be very clear about the fact that God judges all sin?
  
- M. When hell and judgment are not spoken of in church, what is likely to happen?
  
- N. Why are preachers reluctant to preach on such things?