

Sermon Notes | **with** - Luke 13

Big Idea: Jesus earnestly desires to transform you

6 Reasons why you should let Jesus transform you

1. Jesus Doesn't want you to Perish

Luke 13:1–5 There were some present at that very time who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices.² And he answered them, “Do you think that these Galileans were **worse sinners** than all the other Galileans, because they suffered in this way?³ No, I tell you; but unless you **repent**, you will all likewise **perish**.⁴ Or those eighteen on whom the tower in Siloam fell and killed them: do you think that they were **worse offenders** than all the others who lived in Jerusalem?⁵ No, I tell you; but unless you **repent**, you will all likewise **perish**.”

2. Jesus is Patient

Luke 13:6–9⁶ And he told this parable: “A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard, and he came **seeking fruit** on it and found **none**.⁷ And he said to the vinedresser, ‘Look, for three years now I have come seeking fruit on this fig tree, and I find none. **Cut it down**. Why should it use up the ground?’⁸ And he answered him, ‘Sir, let it alone this year also, until I **dig around it** and put on **manure**.⁹ Then if it should bear fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.’”

3. Jesus is Compassionate

Luke 13:10–17¹⁰ Now he was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath.¹¹ And behold, there was a woman who had had a disabling spirit for eighteen years. She was bent over and could not fully straighten herself.¹² When Jesus **saw** her, he **called** her over and **said** to her, “Woman, you are **freed** from your disability.”¹³ And he **laid his hands** on her, and immediately she was made straight, and she glorified God.¹⁴ But the ruler of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had healed on the Sabbath, said to the people, “There are six days in which work ought to be done. Come on those days and be healed, and not on the Sabbath day.”¹⁵ Then the Lord answered him, “You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the Sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger and lead it away to water it?¹⁶ And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the Sabbath day?”¹⁷ As he said these things, all his adversaries were put to shame, and all the people rejoiced at all the glorious things that were done by him.

4. Jesus Transforms us over Time

Luke 13:18–21 ¹⁸He said therefore, “What is the kingdom of God like? And to what shall I compare it? ¹⁹It is like a grain of **mustard seed** that a man took and sowed in his garden, and it grew and became a tree, and the birds of the air made nests in its branches.”²⁰ And again he said, “To what shall I compare the kingdom of God? ²¹It is like **leaven** that a woman took and hid in three measures of flour, until it was all leavened.”

5. Jesus is the Only Way

Luke 13:22–30 ²²He went on his way through towns and villages, teaching and journeying toward Jerusalem. ²³And someone said to him, “**Lord, will those who are saved be few?**” And he said to them, ²⁴“Strive to enter through the **narrow door**. For **many**, I tell you, will **seek to enter** and will **not be able**. ²⁵When once the master of the house has risen and shut the door, and you begin to stand outside and to knock at the door, saying, ‘Lord, open to us,’ then he will answer you, ‘**I do not know where you come from.**’²⁶ Then you will begin to say, ‘**We ate and drank in your presence**, and you taught in our streets.’ ...

6. Jesus is Brokenhearted when we are Unwilling

Luke 13:31–35 ³⁴**O Jerusalem, Jerusalem**, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often would I have **gathered your children together as a hen gathers** her brood under her wings, and you were not willing!³⁵ Behold, your house is forsaken. And I tell you, you will not see me until you say, ‘Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!’”

What Do Justification and Sanctification Mean?

Justification means our declared righteousness before God, made possible by Christ's death and resurrection for us. Sanctification means our gradual, growing righteousness, made possible by the Spirit's work in us.

— Question 32, New City Catechism

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Discussion Questions | **with** - Luke 13

Read Luke 13:1–5

- What does it mean to repent?

Read Luke 13:6–9

- How have you seen Jesus show patience with you?

Read Luke 13:10–17

- How have you seen Jesus show compassion?

Read Luke 13:18–21

- In what ways has Jesus transformed you over time?

Read Luke 13:22–30

- What do you think Jesus means by entering the “narrow door”?
- How can you have assurance of salvation?

Read Luke 13:31–35

- How do you think Jesus feels about you?
- How can you grow this week in allowing Jesus to continue transforming you?

