

# Repent or Perish

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## Luke 13:1-9

*Have a pair of loppers big enough to cut any dead “tree” you place in a bucket. You need 2 of these trees. Spray buckets black. Anchor trees in them. The 3<sup>rd</sup> “tree” will be a young man dressed in black with his arms bent like limbs of a tree. The trees are placed on the platform. The gardener is on the floor and must come up the steps to reach the tree.*

*The two times the words, “But unless you repent” are read in the scripture, the person playing the part of the gardener lopes one of the trees.*

*As the man who owns the fig tree says, “Cut it down!” the gardener attempts to cut it, but the “tree” backs away and freezes in that position.*

*As the scripture ends and the congregation begins to sing I Have Decided to Follow Jesus, the “tree” turns his face toward heaven and then kneels. He stays in that position until the song ends. The owner and gardener freeze in their positions.*

*(As the scripture begins, the gardener takes his place in front of the 1<sup>st</sup> tree with his loppers ready.)* **Now there were some present at that time who told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mixed with their sacrifices. Jesus answered, “Do you think that these Galileans were worse sinners than all the other Galileans because they suffered this way? I tell you, no! but unless you repent, (WAIT for gardener to lope 1<sup>st</sup> tree) you too will all perish. (WAIT FOR gardener to move to 2<sup>nd</sup> tree) Or those eighteen who died when the tower in Siloam fell on them—do you think they were more guilty than all the others living in Jerusalem? I tell you, no! But unless you repent (WAIT for gardener to lope 2<sup>nd</sup> tree) you too will all perish!**

**Then He told this parable:** *(WAIT for man who owns the vineyard to join the gardener)* **A man had a fig tree growing in his vineyard, and he went to look for fruit on it but did not find any. So he said to the man who took care of the vineyard, “For three years not I’ve been coming to look for fruit on this fig tree and haven’t found any. Cut it down!** *(Owner makes a wide sweeping motion with his arm and the “tree” turns his shoulder away and freezes like that)* **Why should it use up the soil?**

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**“Sir, the gardener replied, leave it alone for one more year, and I’ll dig around it and fertilize it. If it bears fruit next year, fine! If not, then I’ll cut it down.”** *(Both owner and gardener freeze in their positions until singing is completed.)*

*Singing begins and “tree” turns his face toward heaven and then kneels until the singing ends.*

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