

Galileans, Judeans, and Americans



Luke 13:1-5

Luke 13:1-2

¹ 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?”

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- **This is a fascinating and unique story in Luke.**
- **Questions to which we would like answers:**
 - **What was the purpose for the people sharing this story with Jesus?**
 - **Why was this story included in this part of Luke's narrative?**
 - **How is this discourse relevant to us today?**

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- ***Let's consider.....***

- **The Purpose of Sharing this Story.**

- **Jesus response indicates two things:**

- **First, that there was a belief by some that the victims due to sin got what was deserved.**

- **Second, Jesus did not consider these Galileans worse sinners than others.**

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- *Let's consider.....*

- **Why this Story was Included?**

- This text is part of a broader discourse that began in Luke 12 and ends in Luke 13:9. In it Jesus emphasizes having a proper relationship with God and a readiness to meet him when one's time comes.

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- ***Let's consider.....***

- **Why this Story was Included?**

- The story of the Galileans accompanied by Jesus own reference to the tragic events of Siloam are used to impress upon all his listeners the need for repentance.
- It appears also that there were national implications considered by Luke in 13:6-9

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• ***Let's consider.....***

• **How this Discourse is Relevant Today?**

- In addition to national implications for the Jews, there is a universal implication.
- We are witnessing suffering and fear in our world.
- Tragic events are a fixed part of life on earth.
- Those infected are no more deserving than those who aren't.

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• ***Let's consider.....***

• **How this Discourse is Relevant Today?**

– **Are we ready to meet the Lord?**

– **We are all alike in some ways:**

• **Have the same weaknesses (Rom. 3:23)**

• **Have the same need (Acts 4:12)**

• **Have the same response (Luke 13:3,5).**