



## Introduction

*More teaching and a miracle.*



## Questions

1. What does Jesus say we should realise when thinking about the loss of life due to some recent events?
2. Why was the ruler of the synagogue indignant?
3. What does Jesus say about the numbers who will be saved?



## Summary Points

- **v 1 to 5** Jesus says suffering (see theme) is a warning to make us stop and think
- **v 6 to 9** Jesus tells the parable of a fig tree that is not bearing fruit and should be cut down
- **v 10 to 17** Jesus heals a woman with a bad back who has suffered for 18 years
- **v 18 to 30** Parables and preaching about the Kingdom of God and judgement
- **v 31 to 35** Jesus laments over the fate of Jerusalem

**Timeline** 30 AD (see below)



## Theme

### **Suffering can be for our good**

*A selection of verses reflecting on some of the reasons why we suffer.*

The writer to the Hebrews tells us that suffering can be for our future good:

*Hebrews 12 verses 7 to 10*

When questioned about a tower falling on some people, Jesus tells his audience that suffering can be a warning to make us stop and think about the fact that our lives will end one day:

*Luke 13 verses 4 and 5*

Jesus realises that his suffering at his crucifixion is necessary to fulfil God's purpose:

*Matthew 26 verse 39*

*John 12 verse 27*

The apostle Peter writes that Jesus's suffering is an example of what we might expect:

*1 Peter 2 verses 20 to 21*

You can see more about what the Bible says about the problem of suffering on the Life's Big Questions website [lifesbigquestions.org/why-does-god-allow-suffering](https://lifesbigquestions.org/why-does-god-allow-suffering)



## ? Answers to questions

Verses which answer the questions:

Q 1: v 3 and 5, Q 2: v 14, Q 3: v 24

### Bible timeline

