

## JESUS HEALS A CRIPPLED WOMAN

Luke 13:1-17

Key Verse: 13:12,13

1. Read verses 1-5. What was the gruesome news that some people brought to Jesus? How did people understand this event? What was their view of the relationship between suffering and sin? (Compare Jn 9:2) In what way were they fatalistic?
2. How did Jesus answer? What other similar event did he mention? What did he teach? What more basic problem did he see in those who raised this question? How did he challenge them? How does real repentance solve the fundamental problem of human beings?
3. Read verses 6-9. What was the problem of the fig tree planted in a man's vineyard? What was the owner's proposed solution? What was the caretaker's plea? What does this parable teach us about the meaning of repentance? (See Lk 3:8)
4. Read verses 10-13. Where was Jesus and what was he doing? What was the long time problem of a woman who came to the synagogue? Describe her agony. What did Jesus say and do? What happened? What was her response? What does this teach about Jesus?
5. Read verse 14. How did the synagogue ruler rebuke the people? What scripture did he refer to? What does this show about his relationship to God? His shepherd heart for people? His understanding of scripture?
6. Read verses 15-17. How did Jesus expose the man's hypocrisy and poor Biblical understanding? How did Jesus see this woman? How did the people respond? How does Jesus set us free? (How is Jesus' teaching about sin and repentance fundamentally different from the concept of the Pharisees?)