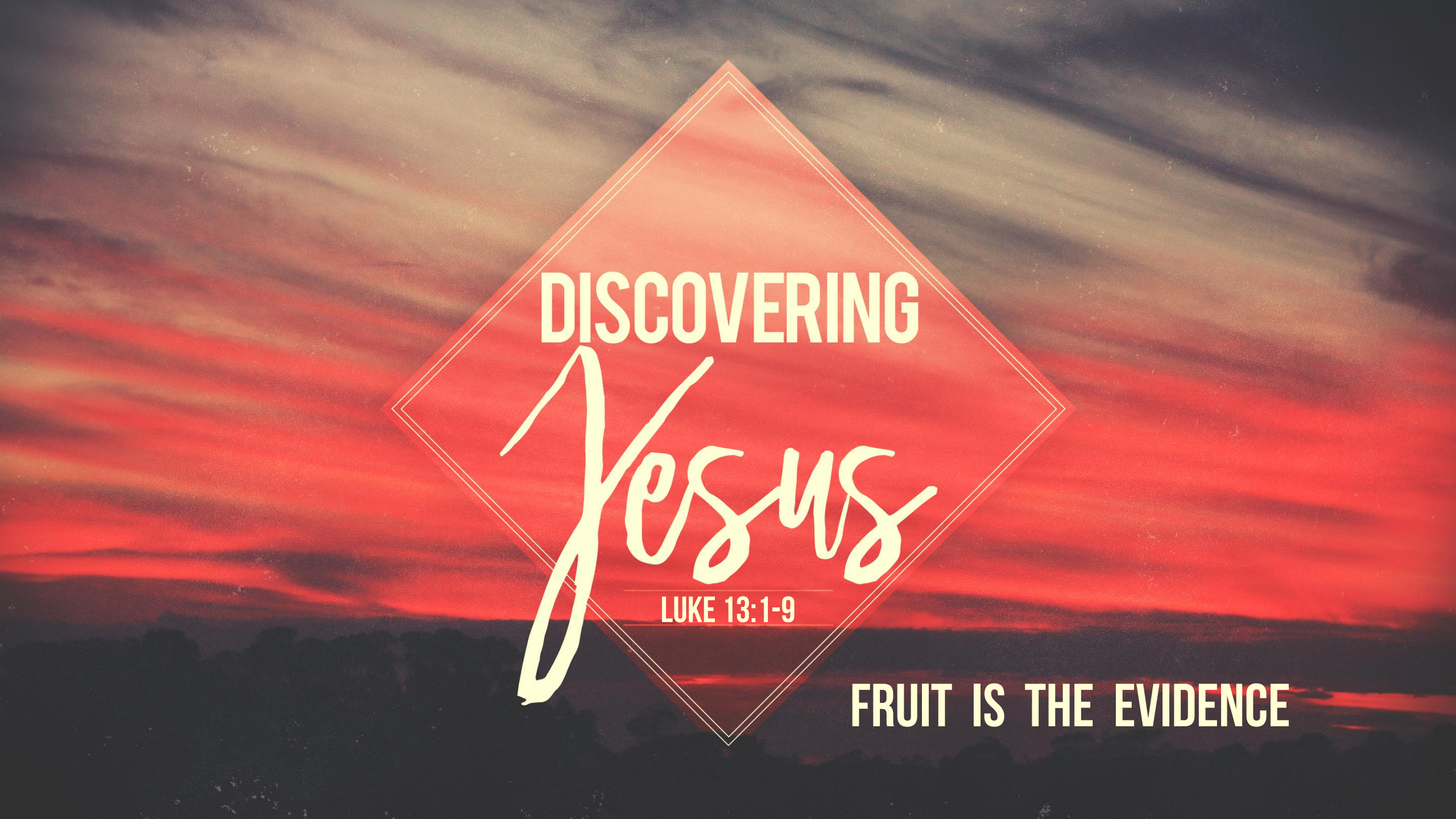

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LUKE 13:1-9
FRUIT IS THE EVIDENCE

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"As any good Jew knows, trouble is God's punishment for sin, while tranquility is a sign of God's blessing. Our lives are tranquil; there is no disaster. Why should we repent?"

- Charles Talbert

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Luke 13:1-2

A Call to Repentance

About this time Jesus was informed that Pilate had murdered some people from Galilee as they were offering sacrifices at the Temple. 2 “Do you think those Galileans were worse sinners than all the other people from Galilee?” Jesus asked. “Is that why they suffered?



Luke 13:3-5

3 Not at all! And you will perish, too, unless you repent of your
sins and turn to God. 4 And what about the eighteen people who
died when the tower in Siloam fell on them? Were they the worst
sinners in Jerusalem? 5 No, and I tell you again that unless you
repent, you will perish, too.”

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Metanoia, an Ancient Greek word (μετάνοια) meaning "changing one's mind"



The greatest danger is not an untimely death but an unrepentant life



Luke 13:6-7

Parable of the Barren Fig Tree

6 Then Jesus told this story: “A man planted a fig tree in his
garden and came again and again to see if there was any fruit
on it, but he was always disappointed. 7 Finally, he said to his
gardener, ‘I’ve waited three years, and there hasn’t been a single
fig! Cut it down. It’s just taking up space in the garden.’

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Luke 13:8-9

8 “The gardener answered, ‘Sir, give it one more chance.
Leave it another year, and I’ll give it special attention and
plenty of fertilizer. 9 If we get figs next year, fine. If not, then
you can cut it down.’”



Jesus told his listeners that the great danger is not an untimely death but an unrepentant life. And now Jesus is telling a story that takes it a step further … authentic repentance (a true change of mind) will result in fruit.

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The greatest danger is not an untimely death but an unrepentant life. And an unrepentant life – a life that doesn't demonstrate a change in direction or a change in the way of thinking to align with God's – is evidenced by a lack of fruit.

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Luke 3:9-11

9 Even now the ax of God's judgment is poised, ready to sever
the roots of the trees. Yes, every tree that does not produce
good fruit will be chopped down and thrown into the fire."
10 The crowds asked, "What should we do?" 11 John replied,
"If you have two shirts, give one to the poor. If you have food,
share it with those who are hungry."

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Luke 3:12-14

12 Even corrupt tax collectors came to be baptized and asked,
“Teacher, what should we do?” 13 He replied, “Collect no more
taxes than the government requires.” 14 “What should we do?”
asked some soldiers. John replied, “Don’t extort money or
make false accusations. And be content with your pay.”

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Something to think about:

- Does metanoia sound like something I've experienced?
- Have I had a change of direction that caused me to align my life with God's will?
- Am I living a comfortable life in nutrient-rich soil but yielding no fruit?
- What does the fruit of my life look like?

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