

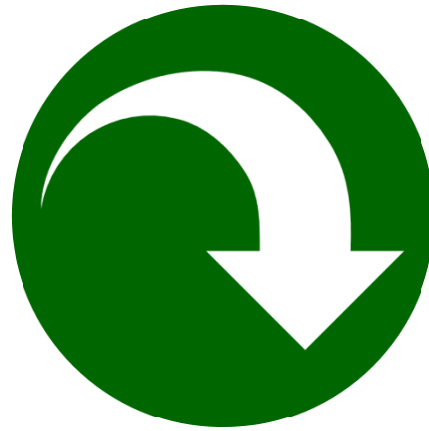
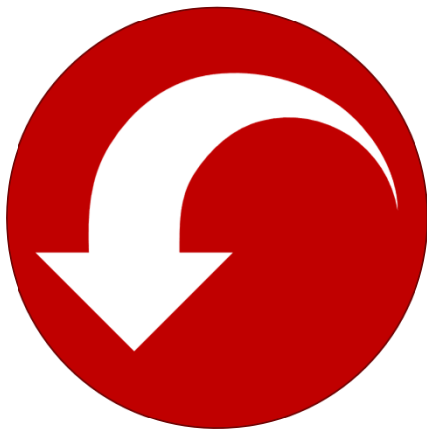
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THE GOSPEL OF  
**LUKE**

That you may have certainty!

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# SABBATH HEALING REDUX

WILL THE FIG TREE  
BEAR FRUIT?

Luke 13:10-21

# MIRROR MIRACLE

Luke 13:10-17

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<sup>14</sup> But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had healed on the Sabbath, responded by telling the crowd, "There are six days when work should be done; therefore come on those days and be healed and not on the Sabbath day."

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<sup>15</sup> But the Lord answered him and said, “Hypocrites! Doesn’t each one of you untie his ox or donkey from the feeding trough on the Sabbath and lead it to water? <sup>16</sup> Satan has bound this woman, a daughter of Abraham, for eighteen years — shouldn’t she be untied from this bondage on the Sabbath day?”

<sup>17</sup> When he had said these things, all his adversaries were humiliated, but the whole crowd was rejoicing over all the glorious things he was doing.

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This is the 4<sup>th</sup> Sabbath healing recorded by Luke, which is significant as we shall see later.

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Does this scene sound familiar?

Luke 4:31-37 – Cast Out Unclean Spirit  
Luke 4:38-41 – Healed Peter’s Mother-in-Law  
Luke 6:6-11 – Healed Man with Shriveled Hand

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Note the two-step process in this miracle:

Step 1: Freedom from Bondage – Jesus verified His authority over the spirit.

Step 2: Freedom from Affliction – Jesus verified His authority over her ailment.

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Did the cultivation and fertilization work? How did the religious leaders respond to their 4<sup>th</sup> chance?

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How did the woman respond?

Why did Jesus choose to perform this "mirror miracle" on the Sabbath?

Look back at the previous passage, what parable had Jesus just told His disciples?

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The three previous miracles are like the three fruitless seasons of the fig tree.

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How did the leader of the synagogue respond?

So, did the fig tree bear fruit?

Note the symmetry of the pattern, it's like the vineyard owner coming back after cultivation one last time.

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So, how did Jesus respond?

There were others in the crowd who held the same view as the synagogue leader; why did Jesus call them hypocrites?

They showed more compassion to animals than to humans.

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It's a pass/fail exam,  
it's not a multiple-  
choice test.

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Two large groups are forming with  
no one left in the middle.

As discussed before, there is no  
Switzerland in this battle.

As Jesus said Himself, we are either  
for Him or we are against Him.

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# KINGDOM IMPACT

**Luke 13:18-21**

<sup>18</sup> He said, therefore, "What is the kingdom of God like, and what can I compare it to? <sup>19</sup> It's like a mustard seed that a man took and sowed in his garden. It grew and became a tree, and the birds of the sky nested in its branches."

<sup>20</sup> Again he said, "What can I compare the kingdom of God to? <sup>21</sup> It's like leaven that a woman took and mixed into fifty pounds of flour until all of it was leavened."?

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Jesus tells His detractors that the Kingdom will grow large and eventually permeate the world.

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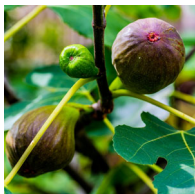
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How's your fig tree doing?



## DELIBERATE DISCIPLESHIP

- With the Sabbath healing redux, Jesus gave the fig tree one more chance to bear fruit.
- Rejection is stubborn and blind to the evidence. No one can sit on the fence and watch Jesus work without forming an opinion.
- Jesus is too great a figure to be left to neutrality, there is no Switzerland in this war.
- The battle has already been won and the Victor declared; the Kingdom of God is growing and will someday soon permeate the world just as Jesus promised.
- So, the question remains: which part of the crowd do you identify with – the complainers or those who praise God?
- Then and now, Jesus urges all to respond while there is still time.

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