**March 20 ~ Scripture: Luke 1 3: 1 -9 (NRSV)**

**Repent or Perish**

13At that very time there were some present who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices.

**2**He asked them, “Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans?

**3**No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did.

**4**Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them—do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem?

**5**No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did.”

**The Parable of the Barren Fig Tree**

**6**Then he told this parable: “A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none.

**7**So he said to the gardener, ‘See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?’

**8**He replied, ‘Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it.

**9**If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.’”