
The L2OL News

Blood Mingled With Sacrifices

Pontius Pilate has sought to build an aqueduct from the Pools of Solomon into the city of Jerusalem. To pay for this project, he has demanded money from the Jewish Temple Treasury be given. This money, dedicated by worshipers to their God, has outraged the



people, in particular the Galileans under the jurisdiction of King Herod, a major opponent of Pilate in the region. As is known, these Galileans have been implicated in many seditious acts, and that they keep the great feasts and often work up their nationalist zeal. The Jews whose money had been given to Pilate for the aqueduct sent a delegation to Pilate to seek to have the funds returned.

Reliable sources report that Pilate sent his soldiers dressed as Jews into the crowd and, upon a given signal, drew daggers and attacked the delegation. In this way Pilate struck a blow against Herod, against the Galileans, and demonstrated his ruthless willingness to force his will on the territory.

Sources: <http://christianity.stackexchange.com/questions/23873/who-were-the-galileans-whose-blood-pilate-mingled-with-their-sacrifices>,
<http://truthmagazine.com/archives/volume20/GOT020348.html>)

Jesus the Galilean Preaches Division

Jesus of Galilee was reported as saying a crowd of his followers, “I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed! Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; they will be divided: father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.” He also said to the crowds, “When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, ‘It is going to rain’; and so it happens. And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, ‘There will be scorching heat’; and it happens. You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?”

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18 Die in Tower Collapse

The famed Tower of Siloam in the south-eastern section of Old Jerusalem in the area of the Pool of Siloam collapsed today.

Along with many injured, there are 18 verified dead. The victims have not been



identified but are thought to be workers and laborers working on the tower.

Some have speculated that the dead include prisoners who were held in the tower, while others believe they were among those contracted and conscripted to build Pilate’s much derided aqueduct bringing water into the city from the Pool of Solomon.

Source: <https://www.biblegateway.com/resources/encyclopedia-of-the-bible/Tower-Siloam>

Luke 13:1-9

New Revised Standard Version	Modern English Version	Holman Christian Standard Bible
<p>¹ At that very time there were some present who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices.</p>	<p>There were present at that time some who told Him of the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices.</p>	<p>At that time, some people came and reported to Him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mixed with their sacrifices.</p>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. When does this take place? Who are the speakers? In your mind’s eye, where do you place them in relation to Jesus? In relation to others? 2. What do they tell Jesus? Do you think what they tell him is news to Jesus or is it a story he already knew? Do you think the story they tell is true, hearsay, or rumor? 3. What is newsworthy about the story they tell? (i.e., Who is involved in the story? Why are these players significant? What action takes place in the story? How is this action significant?) 4. What do you think is the motivation for the group to tell Jesus this story? How might their motivations be related to the things Jesus has just told his audience? 		
<p>² He asked them, “Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans?”</p>	<p>Jesus answered, “Do you suppose that these Galileans were worse sinners than all the other Galileans, because they suffered such things?”</p>	<p>And He responded to them, “Do you think that these Galileans were more sinful than all Galileans because they suffered these things?”</p>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5. What does Jesus say in response to this story? 6. Think about your response to question 4 above. Is Jesus addressing the concerns of the audience reflected in what you think is their motivation for telling the story? 		
<p>³No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did.</p>	<p>I tell you, no! But unless you repent, you will all likewise perish.</p>	<p>No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as well!</p>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 7. Does Jesus give the people in the group who told him the story time to respond? Why or why not? 8. When Jesus says in verse 2, “these Galileans suffered in this way,” in what way did they suffer? Why would this be important to the audience? 9. What does the word “repent” mean for you? Of what do the people in the audience need to repent? 10. How did the people in the story perish? To what is Jesus referring when he uses this word? 11. What will happen if the people in the audience don’t repent? 		
<p>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?</p>	<p>Or those eighteen, upon whom the tower in Siloam fell and killed them, do you think that they were worse offenders than all men living in Jerusalem?</p>	<p>Or those 18 that the tower in Siloam fell on and killed — do you think they were more sinful than all the people who live in Jerusalem?</p>

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12. What story does Jesus tell? Do you think this story is news to his audience Jesus or is it a story they already knew? Do you think the story Jesus tells is true, hearsay, or rumor?
13. Think about the story of the collapse of the tower. How does Jesus use this story to reinforce his point of view?

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14. Where in this passage have you read this verse already? Why is it repeated?
15. What elements does the story Jesus tells have in common with the story the group told about the Galileans?
16. Think about the first story that the group told Jesus. From Pilate’s point of view, did the Galileans get what they deserved? From the people’s point of view, did the Galileans deserve what they got? What, would you say, is Jesus’ point of view?
17. What does this passage highlight as being important to Jesus?
18. What do you find most agreeable about this passage? What do you find most disagreeable? Does this passage impact your role in society? How might it impact the role of the church in society?

