



Summer Blockbuster Reading Challenge

3 months—4 Gospels—Go!

WEDNESDAY, JULY 27, 2022



Take your Pulse

Where did you see God at work in the world today?

Where is God hidden in the world today?

Today's Reading

Luke Chapter 13

Superstition creeps into most things in our life. Athletes make the sign of the cross, or wear the same socks will on a winning streak, or refuse to eat certain things to avoid bad luck. We turn around if we see a black cat, refuse to walk under a ladder, and knock on wood when we say something we hope will not come true. Superstition also enters our faith. We believe bad things happen to bad people, and bad fates are a divine judgment. Jesus rebukes the notion of superstition as he is questions about the fate of some unlucky Galileans who Pilate must have murdered, and as he talks about some who died in a construction accident. The world is full of bad things, it is not divine judgment. God did not zap those as punishment for what they did.



Start the Thinking

It is hard to break superstitious behavior. Sometimes we have these traits and don't even realize it. Can you name some of your superstitions?



Conversing with God

O Holy God, the world is cruel around us. We are quick to see judgment in tragedy. We are quick to blame the victim as if they deserved their fate. Soften our hearts away from such tendencies. Open our minds to your forgiveness and help us extend that same forgiveness to all. In Jesus' holy name we pray. Amen



Be blessed

May the road rise up to meet you. May the wind always be at your back.
May the sun shine warm upon your face, and rains fall soft upon your fields.
And until we meet again, May God hold you in the palm of His hand.