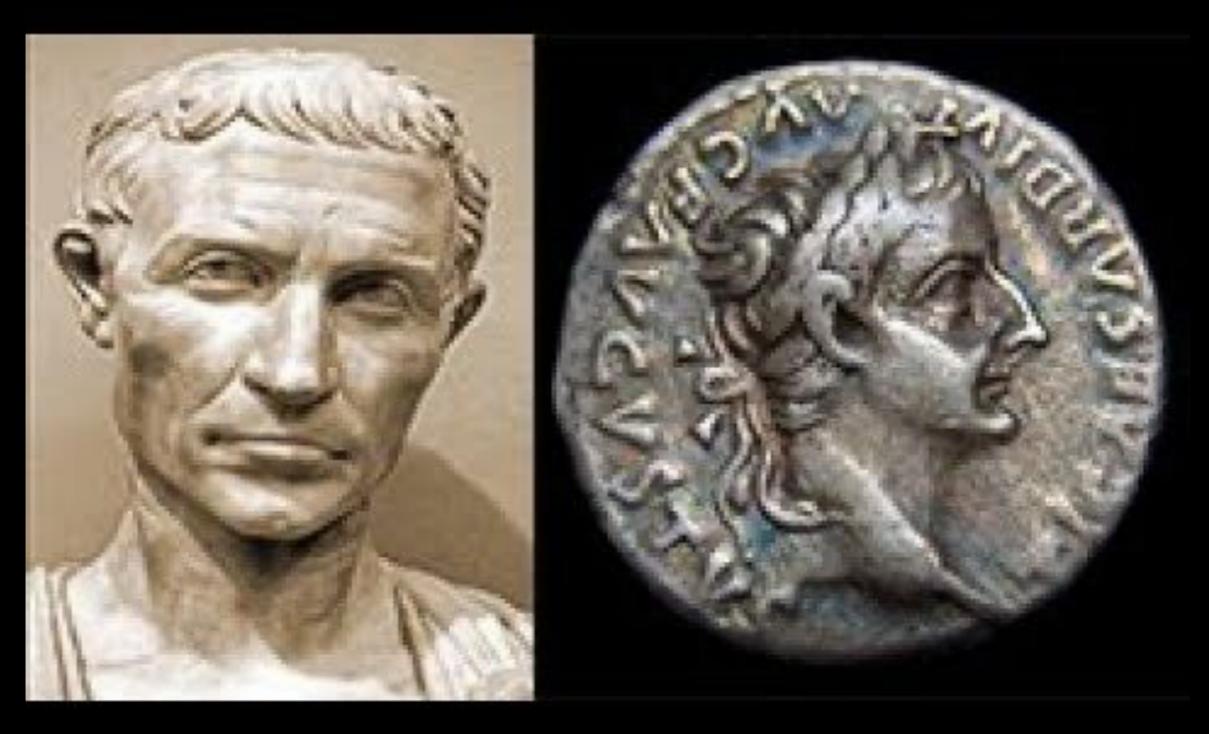


## Sitting at the Feet of Jesus

Jesus Responds to Tragedy Luke 13:1-5

### Luke 13:1 Now there were some present at that time who told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mixed with their sacrifices.



Pontius Pilate
Roman Governor of Judea 26 AD-37 AD

"When Pilate gave the signal from his tribunal the Jews were cudgeled and so many died from the blows and many as they fled were trampled to death by their friends. The fate of those who perished horrified the crowd into silence."

-Josephus from The Jewish War 2:175-177

#### Luke 13:2-5

Jesus answered, "Do you think that these Galileans were worse sinners than all the other Galilleans because they suffered this way?

I tell you no! But unless you repent, you too will all perish.

Or those eighteen who died with the tower in Siloam fell on them- do you think they were more guilty than all the others living in Jerusalem? I tell you no! But unless you repent you too will all perish.

#### 1. Malicious Act of Evil

2. Horrible Accident

Both of these things were tragic events that hurt and killed people.

## Proverbs 13:15 The way of the transgressor is hard.

Galatians 6:8

The one who sows to please his sinful nature, from that nature will reap destruction; the one who sows to please the Spirit from the Spirit will reap life.

1. We need to be careful to not be judgmental about what tragedies other people go through.

2. We are not more righteous than other people if we escape some particular tragedy.

### Matthew 5:45 He causes his sun to rise on the evil and the good and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous.

### Number 1 Question-

# Why is there pain and suffering in the world?

## 1. Does God even exist?

## 2. Is God actually good?

John 16:33 I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world!

# "But unless you repent, you too will all perish." (X2)

## 1. How do we want to respond to tragedy?

### 2. Are we ready?