



**One Step
Behind
Jesus:
Watch for
Falling
Fruit!**

**Luke
3:1-20**





Big Idea

**God wants
fresh fruit today,
not stale faith
yesterday!**



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Pontius Pilate

- Roman Governor of Judea
- Oversaw taxes and military





Herod Antipas

- Ruler of Galilee
- Half Jewish





Annas & Caiaphas

- First High Priest appointed by Rome





John the Baptist

- Remember Luke 1:57ff?
- Prophet of God





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Matthew 7:15-21

"Watch out for false prophets.

They come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ferocious wolves.

By their fruit you will recognize them.

Do people pick grapes from thorn bushes, or figs from thistles?



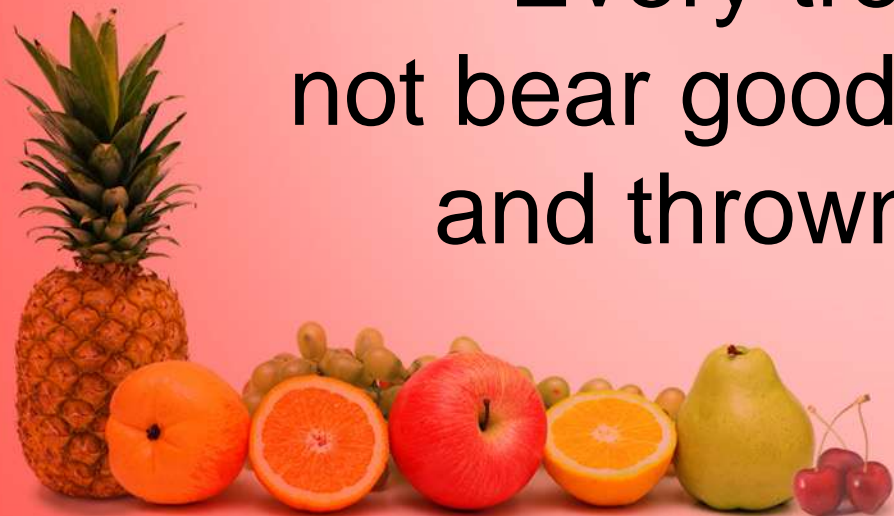


Matthew 7:15-21

Likewise every good tree bears good fruit, but a bad tree bears bad fruit.

A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, and a bad tree cannot bear good fruit.

Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.





Matthew 7:15-21

Thus, *by their fruit* you will recognize them. "Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only he who does the will of my Father who is in heaven.





Fruit of Generosity

"What should we do then?" the crowd asked. John answered, "The man with two tunics should share with him who has none, and the one who has food should do the same."



Luke 3:10-11



Fruit of Honesty

Tax collectors also came to be baptized. "Teacher," they asked, "what should we do?" "Don't collect any more than you are required to," he told them.



Luke 3:12-13



Fruit of Right Living

Then some soldiers asked him,
"And what should we do?" He
replied, "Don't extort money and
don't accuse people falsely--be
content with your pay."



Luke 3:14



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The people were waiting expectantly and were all wondering in their hearts if John might possibly be the Christ. John answered them all, "I baptize you with water. But one more powerful than I will come, the thongs of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire.



His winnowing fork is in his hand to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire." And with many other words John exhorted the people and preached the good news to them.





Fruit of Humility

But when John rebuked Herod the tetrarch because of Herodias, his brother's wife, and all the other evil things he had done, Herod added this to them all: He locked John up in prison.



Luke 3:19-20



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