

St. John's EBCs, Everyday Bible Conversations!

EBC 3, 2, 1! – On Location in 2025! Leading to Worship Sunday, March 16, 2025

Reading: Luke 13:31-35

EBC focuses on bringing the Bible into our Everyday Lives, emphasizing God's Everyday presence by finding connections in our physical world! EBC also has a video component on the St. John's website and St. John's YouTube channel. This week, we consider both the earthly and Godly lament – and love – of Jerusalem, and us! Click here: https://youtu.be/U_t1VFtoH7w
Welcome to this week's EBC 3,2,1! Three points, two questions, and one action step!

Three Points

- Jesus had been teaching and healing, when he was approached by some Pharisees. They did not argue or attack; instead, they warned Jesus that Herod wanted to kill him, and that Jesus should get away.
- Jesus, though, told the Pharisees he would be performing miracles where he was for two more days, and leave on the third day.
- Then Jesus laments Jerusalem. It kills prophets and rejects those who have been sent, and refuses to let God draw it close. Jesus foretells Jerusalem, "you will not see me until the time comes when you say, 'Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.'" (Luke 13:35)

Two Questions

- What would you do if someone came to warn you that you needed to leave or be killed? Surely you wouldn't broadcast where you expected to be the next three days?!? Why do you think Jesus made such a point of saying he was still staying to finish his work?
- If you look at what Jesus is saying about Jerusalem, one could read it as blame, condemnation, or judgment. But the Bible clearly labels this passage as Jesus' lament. Why, do you think Jesus laments, rather than blames? Does Jesus accuse and judge you when you sin, or lament your lack of faithfulness, and remain steadfast in love?

Action Step

- Take a page from Jesus' book: lament and love others, but don't judge their failings.

Don't like these questions? Do these verses say something different to you? Great! What it is?

And as always, you are encouraged to find a friend (or two or many) and take an EBC coffee break! Find 15-25 minutes somewhere in the week and share your faith. Have fun finding God this week in your Everyday Life!