

THE SERMON

**“KiSS iT AND PUT SOME
MANURE ON iT.”**

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"My thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord."

"These things happened to them to serve as an example, and they were written down to instruct us, on whom the ends of the ages have come."

Paul writes these words to the Corinthians for the sake of the believers who could fall back into the old ways.

A large, leafless tree stands on the right side of the frame, its intricate branches reaching upwards. The background is a soft, hazy landscape with a warm, golden-yellow color palette, suggesting a sunrise or sunset. The overall mood is contemplative and serene.

THE
BARREN
FIG TREE
Luke 13:1-9

**This parable is often used to
talk about the final Judgment...
If you don't bear fruit... you had
better watch out!
That's the old way!**

THAT'S NOT WHAT
I MEANT.



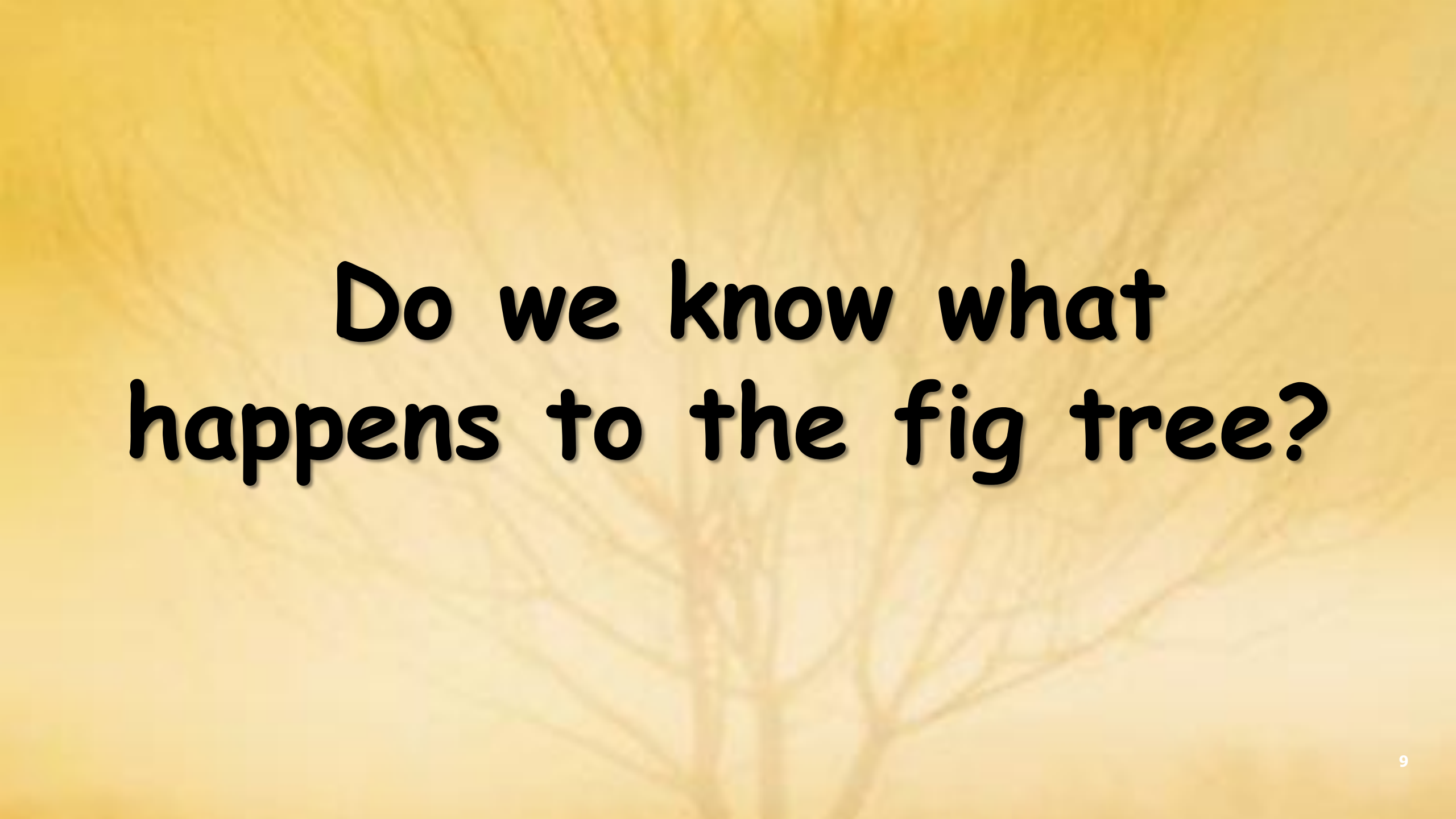
Who do the characters represent in the parable of the Fig Tree?

God - The Owner

Jesus - The Gardener

Israel - The Fig Tree*

*Key to understanding the parable



**Do we know what
happens to the fig tree?**

**Do we know what happens
to the gardener?**

**The barren fig tree is a story of
redemption and salvation in the
midst of judgment and
destruction.**

Death and Resurrection

This is a story about a final judgment.

It is a judgment that has already
taken place.

We and Israel were found lacking and
the gardener pays the price.

We die together with Christ!

And we rise together with Christ!

Jesus is not the Reset Button



**God does not send us out to
bring people to Christ with
threats of the hell, punishment,
and destruction if you don't
produce fruit. If that is all you
got, you got nothing to say.
That ship sailed on the cross.**

**GRACE AND MERCY ARE THE TWO GIFTS
THAT SET CHRISTIANITY APART FROM
EVERY OTHER RELIGION.**

**Grace is when God gives
us what we don't
deserve and Mercy is
when God doesn't give
us what we do deserve.**

**We are not Christians
because of our works or fear
of judgment.**

**The only way we are
Christians is because of God's
Grace and Mercy!**

"God is immersed in pain and suffering with us, sharing to the full our particular grief and pain. This is the fundamental message of the cross."

"Faith is trusting God even when we don't understand God's plan. But we believe God has a plan." - PMC

**“Faith isn't
faith until it's
all you're
holding on to”**

