

Memorial Day Weekend 2016

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for his friends.

Jesus (quoted in John 15:13)



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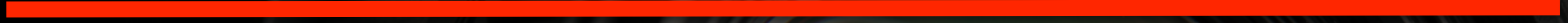
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John 8:2-11

- 2 Early in the morning Jesus came to the temple. All the people came to Him and He sat down and taught them.
- 3 The scribes and the Pharisees brought a woman who had been caught in adultery, and placing her in their midst
- 4 they said to Him,
“Teacher, this woman has been caught in the act of adultery.

5 ***Now in the Law Moses commanded us to stone such women. So what do you say?"***

6 This they said to test Him, that they might have some charge to bring against Him. Jesus bent down and wrote with His finger on the ground.

7 And as they continued to ask Him, He stood up and said to them,

"Let him who is without sin among you be the first to throw a stone at her."

8 And once more He bent down and wrote on the ground.

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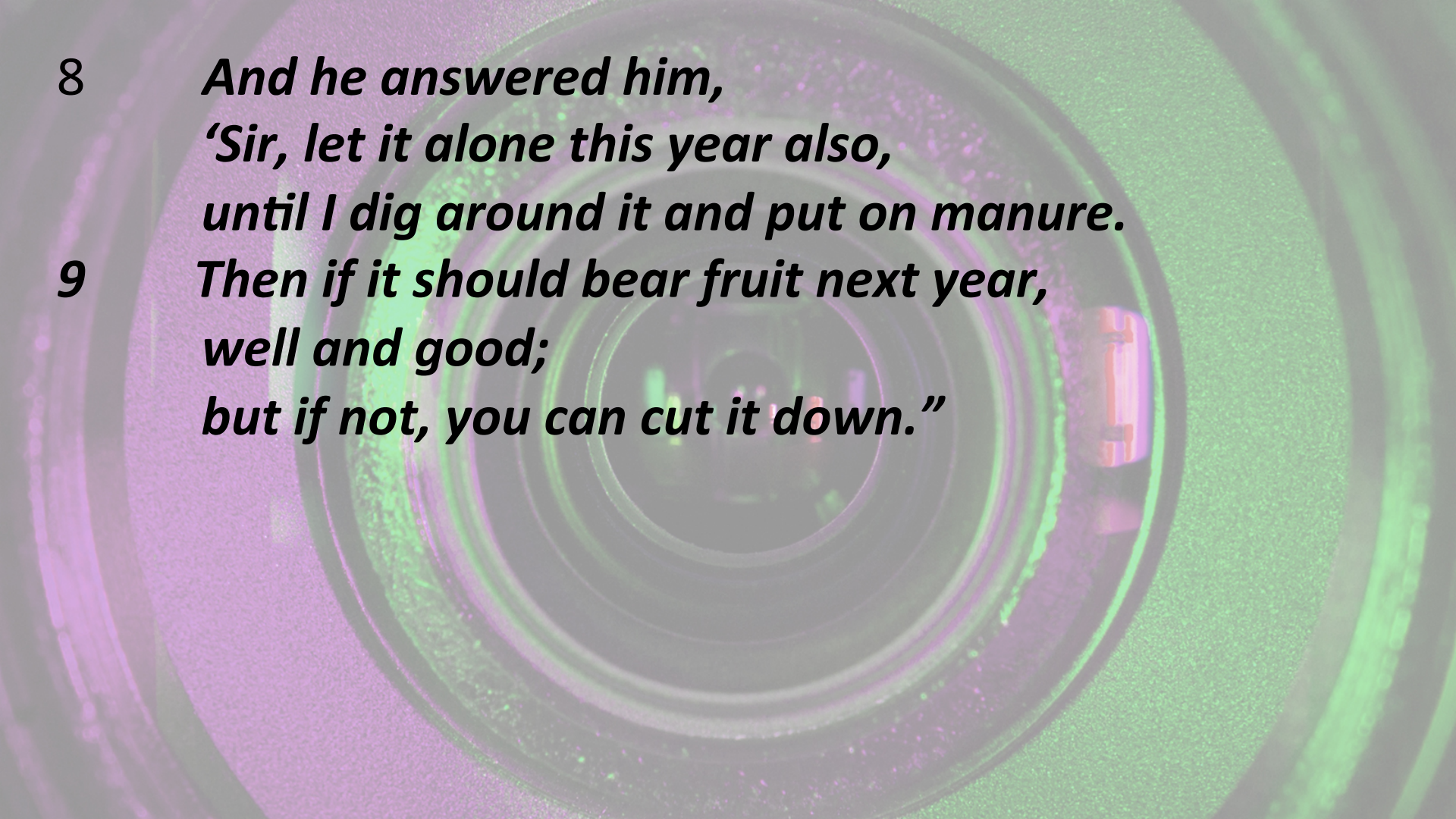
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Luke 13:6-9

6 And He told this parable.

“A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard, and he came seeking fruit on it and found none.

7 *And he said to the vine-dresser, ‘Look, for three years now I have come seeking fruit on this fig tree, and I find none. Cut it down. Why should it use up the ground?’*



8 ***And he answered him,
‘Sir, let it alone this year also,
until I dig around it and put on manure.
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Are you ready to grow?



