[At that very time] there were some present who told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. 2 He asked them, “Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? 3 No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did. 4 Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them—do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? 5 No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did.” 6 Then he
told this parable: “A man had a fig tree plant-ed in his vine-yard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. 7 So he said to the gardener, ‘See here! For three years I have come look-ing for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wast -ing the soil?’ 8 He re - plied, ‘Sir, let it a-lone for one more year, until I dig around it and put ma-nure on it. 9 If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.”