

## TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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### SERMON OUTLINE -- APRIL 3, 2022

# Bent Out of Shape

*(Luke 13:10-17)*

INTRODUCTION: *The origin of the expression:  
“bent out of shape”...*

#### I. IN OUR TEXT WE MEET SOMEONE ‘BENT OUT OF SHAPE’ BY SUFFERING (vv. 10-13)

- A. Dr. Luke tells us this woman was “bent” physically & spiritually
- B. Jesus touches this dear woman, heals her, & she stands up erect!
- C. Her life had been filled with “*I can’t*s”...
- D. Have you seen *circus elephants* bound to small wooden stakes?
- E. Jesus frees us from what binds us & “bends us out of shape” and changes our *I can’t*s to *I cans*! (Matthew 11:28)

#### II. IN OUR TEXT WE MEET ANOTHER PERSON ‘BENT OUT OF SHAPE’ BY RELIGIOUS RULES (vv. 14-16)

- A. He was the leader of the synagogue “bent out of shape” by legalism
- B. He missed the joy of this woman’s healing due to the bitterness of legalism
- C. Jesus confronts this joyless legalism (vv. 14-16)
- D. Have you heard about the *cold water committee* in every church??
- E. Jesus has come to free us from the unhappiness of legalism (v.17; John 8:32)

CONCLUSION: *The old nursery rhyme –  
Humpty Dumpty (version 1 & version 2)  
(There is no longer any reason  
to be bent out of shape!)*

# ROAD TO EASTER

A Family Holy Week  
Experience

Saturday, April 16  
11:00am

Pre-Registration Encouraged  
Link Below



## Road to Easter: A Family Holy Week Experience

Your family is invited to join us on **Saturday, April 16** as we walk through the events of Holy Week. The event will begin at **11:00am** with a large group story time, after which your family can choose which stations (crafts, songs, games, snack, escape room, story walk) to go to and which order to go through them.

We will also have an **"I Spy" Egg Hunt** where families will search for eggs throughout the building and exchange their search card for a bag of chocolate eggs.

Pre-registration is encouraged (online at [www.tlc-lcc.ca/RoadToEasterSignUp](http://www.tlc-lcc.ca/RoadToEasterSignUp) or with paper forms available in the narthex) so that we can be sure we have enough supplies. We hope your family is able to join us for this event.

We will also be looking for **volunteers** for this event. If you are able to help, there is a sign up on the sheet on Samantha's door.