

The Text: Luke 16:19-31

"There was a certain rich man who was clothed in purple and fine linen and fared sumptuously every day. But there was a certain beggar named Lazarus, full of sores, who was laid at his gate, desiring to be fed with the crumbs which fell from the rich man's table. Moreover the dogs came and licked his sores. So it was that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels to Abraham's bosom. The rich man also died and was buried. And being in torments in Hades, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom...

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"Then he cried and said, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus that he may dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame.' But Abraham said, 'Son, remember that in your lifetime you received your good things, and likewise Lazarus evil things; but now he is comforted and you are tormented. And besides all this, between us and you there is a great gulf fixed, so that those who want to pass from here to you cannot, nor can those from there pass to us..."

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"Then he said, I beg you therefore, father, that you would send him to my father's house, 'for I have five brothers, that he may testify to them, lest they also come to this place of torment.' Abraham said to him, 'They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them. And he said, 'No, father Abraham; but if one goes to them from the dead, they will repent." But he said to him, 'If they do not hear Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded though one rise from the dead.""

Introduction

This is a real story about a true event:

- He named the two characters in the story.
- He also named places.
- Neither at the beginning or ending did Jesus refer to the story as a parable.
- Calling it a parable, doesn't change the truths we learn.
- Jesus never told a fable or untrue story to illustrate a truth.
- His parables were of events that could or did happen in real life.

1. Eternal Punishment Is Real. Luke 16:23; Matthew 25:46

Psalms 53:1

"The fool hath said in his heart, there is no God." cf. Jeremiah 23:17

Hell-The Place of...

- Everlasting Torment & Punishment!
 Revelation 14:10-11
- Anguish, Agony & Despair! Matthew 8:12
- Separation from God! 2 Thessalonians 1:7-9
- The Devil, His Angels & All Disobedient!
 Matthew 25:41; Revelation 21:8
- The Lake of Everlasting Fire & Brimstone! Revelation 20:10, 14-15
- Never Ending Doom, Death & Destruction!
 Mark 9:43-48

- 2. Too Late To Pray. Luke 16:24-25
- > Called on Abraham for help.
- > Efforts rejected.
- ➤ God heareth not sinners. John 9:31; Prov. 28:9
 - Face of the Lord against evil. 1 Pet. 3:12
- Prayer of the Righteous avails much. James 5:16
 - ➤ Righteous will not be where this rich man is. Mt. 25:46

- 3. No Second Chance. Luke 16:26
- Everlasting means no change. Mt. 25:46
- Appointed once to die, then judgment. Heb. 9:27
- All will stand before judgment, answer for things done in the body. 2 Cor. 5:10

- 4. Word of God is true. Luke 16:29
 - God's law is perfect. James 1:25
 - God's law is able to save. James 1:21
 - God's law is the standard of Judgment. James 2:12
 - Christ's word ONLY words of salvation. John 6:66-68
 - Must respect the word of God. 1 Thess. 5:21

- 5. Cannot warn others. Luke 16:27-31
 - Preaching is necessary. 1 Cor. 1:21
 - Must teach while alive. 2 Cor. 4:7
 - Preach while the spirit is in the body. 2 Cor. 4:10-11



- 6. Worldly possessions no good after death. Luke 16:25
 - Possessions left behind for the living. Luke 12:16-21
 - Trust in possessions brings sorrows. 1 Tim. 6:10
 - No profit to riches without God. Mt. 16:26

- 7. Sin of misused material goods. Luke 16:20-21
 - We are stewards. 1 Cor. 4:1-2
 - Must give account. Luke 16:1-2; Mt. 25:14-30



8. All must die. Luke 16:22; Heb. 9:27; Eccl. 9:5; Luke 12:16

Life is brief.

- 1. James 4:14 "What is your life? for ye are as a vapor that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away."
- 2. Job 14:1-2 "Man that is born of a woman is of few days and full of trouble, he cometh forth like a flower and is cut down: He fleeth also as a shadow, and continueth not."
- 3. Ps. 90:10 "The days of our years are three score and ten, or even by reason of strength fourscore years: yet is their pride but labor and sorrows, for it is soon gone, and we fly away" Vs. 12 "Teach us to number our days that we may get us a heart of wisdom."

- 9. The wages of sin is death. Romans 6:23
 - We reap what we sow. Galatians 6:7-8
 - God not a respecter of persons. Acts 10:34-35



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Now is the time to prepare! 2 Cor. 6:2

Matthew 25:30

A Higher Price will be Paid if we do not Follow Jesus Now!

- Everlasting destruction. 2 Thess. 1:8-9
- Leaving all for Christ and His gospel will <u>bless</u>
 you and <u>challenge</u> you now and finally <u>reward</u>
 you with <u>eternal life</u>. Mk. 10:28-31

Have you counted the cost? Will you pay the price?

"And anyone not found written in the Book of Life was cast into the lake of fire" Rev. 20:15



WHO WILL POPULATE HELL???

A journey through hell

Pilate
Matthewart
INDIFFERENT
INDIFFERENT
INES 4:17

Pharisees
Luko
CORRUPT
CORRUPT
25:15

Demas
2 Timor ALIST
MATERIALIST
John 2:15

Agrippa
Acts 2
HESITANT

Acts 10 ATOR IDOLATOR Rev. 21:8

