

# PARABLES:

## *Stories for Life*

Luke 16:19-31

Today's Big Question: What happens when life in this body ends?

### THE SPECIFIC CONTEXT OF THIS PARABLE:

"Now the tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to hear him. And the Pharisees and the scribes grumbled, saying, 'This man receives sinners and eats with them.'"

Luke 15:1-2

NOTICE LAZARUS' DESIRE: "...who desired to be fed with what fell from the rich man's table..."

Jesus invited people like Lazarus to the table; but the Pharisees went out of their way to avoid them

Our relationship with money can reveal a lot about our spiritual condition

**THE BIG QUESTION:** "What happens after I die?"  
**THE ANSWER:** "It depends..."

Your relationship with JESUS determines your destination according to the Bible

Abraham's Side/Paradise or Hades

1 Corinthians 15, Revelation 20 & 21

God's judgment is final:

"...between us and you a great chasm has been fixed, in order that those who would pass from here to you may not be able, and none may cross from there to us."

"Know then that it is those of faith who are the sons of Abraham." Galatians 3:7  
Knowing about Jesus and knowing Jesus are two very different things

What about my loved ones that left this life without knowing Jesus?

They would be the loudest, most passionate evangelists among us if they could.

"He said to him, 'If they do not hear Moses and the Prophets, neither will they be convinced if someone should rise from the dead.'"

You have far more access to the Scripture than any of the people Jesus was speaking to directly in this Parable. You have more opportunity to hear the testimony of the Law and Prophets than they did. You also, now have the written words of Jesus (the resurrected Messiah) and the testimony of the Apostles and early disciples about Him....what excuse do you have?

What will happen after your life on earth ends?

The answer to that questions depends exclusively on whether or not you decide to follow Jesus.