



Parables

“Whoever has ears to hear, let them hear.” - Mark 4:9



LUKE 16:19-31

¹⁹ “There was a rich man who would dress in purple and fine linen, feasting lavishly every day. ²⁰ But a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, was lying at his gate.²¹ He longed to be filled with what fell from the rich man’s table, but instead the dogs would come and lick his sores.²² One day the poor man died and was carried away by the angels to Abraham’s side. The rich man also died and was buried. ²³ And being in torment in Hades, he looked up and saw Abraham a long way off, with Lazarus at his side.

LUKE 16:19-31

²⁴ ‘Father Abraham!’ he called out, ‘Have mercy on me and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, because I am in agony in this flame!’

²⁵ “‘Son,’ Abraham said, ‘remember that during your life you received your good things, just as Lazarus received bad things, but now he is comforted here, while you are in agony. ²⁶ Besides all this, a great chasm has been fixed between us and you, so that those who want to pass over from here to you cannot; neither can those from there cross over to us.’

LUKE 16:19-31

²⁷ “‘Father,’ he said, ‘then I beg you to send him to my father’s house— ²⁸ because I have five brothers—to warn them, so that they won’t also come to this place of torment.’ ²⁹ “But Abraham said, ‘They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.’ ³⁰ “‘No, father Abraham,’ he said. ‘But if someone from the dead goes to them, they will repent.’ ³¹ “But he told him, ‘If they don’t listen to Moses and the prophets, they will not be persuaded if someone rises from the dead.’”

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1. We should not think that the Poor Man is saved because of his poverty any more than we should think of the Rich Man is condemned because of his wealth.
2. Birth and the circumstances of life do not dictate faith and relationship with God.

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Luke 16:19-21

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- One Man is Rich **v.19**
- The Rich man is covered in finery **v.19**
- The Rich Man's lifestyle is, excessive **v.19**
- The Rich Man would lounge at tables **v.20**
- The Rich man had the comfort of his wealth. **v.19**
- The Rich Man's name isn't mentioned.

- One Man is Poor **v.20**
- The Poor Man is covered in sores **v.20**
- The Poor Man's lifestyle is desperate **v.20**
- The Poor Man would lay at the gate **v.20**
- The Poor man only had the comfort of dogs **v.21**
- The Poor Man's name was Lazarus **v.20**

PARABLES

“Hell is just a freely chosen identity based on something else besides God going on forever.”

~Tim Keller

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Luke 16:22

One day the poor man died and was carried away by the angels to Abraham's side. The rich man also died and was buried.

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Luke 16:23

And being in torment in Hades, he looked up and saw Abraham a long way off, with Lazarus at his side.

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Luke 16:24-25

‘Father Abraham!’ he called out, ‘Have mercy on me and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, because I am in agony in this flame!’ ²⁵ “‘Son,’ Abraham said, ‘remember...

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- He could see.
- He could talk.
- He could recognize others.
- He had sensations.
- He could remember his life experiences.
- His identity was still wrapped up in his earthly wealth.

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Luke 16:25-26

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Revelation 21:4

He will wipe away every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; grief, crying, and pain will be no more, because the previous things have passed away.

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Psalm 16:11

You reveal the path of life to me; in your presence is abundant joy; at your right hand are eternal pleasures.

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“The best of life on Earth is a glimpse of Heaven; the worst of life is glimpse of Hell. For Christians, this present life is the closest they will come to Hell. For unbelievers, it is the closest they will come to Heaven.”

~Randy Alcorn

PARABLES

Luke 16:27

“‘Father,’ he said, ‘then I beg you to send him to my father’s house—²⁸ because I have five brothers—to warn them, so that they won’t also come to this place of torment.’

PARABLES

“All that are in Hell, choose it. Without that self-choice it wouldn't be hell.”

~C.S. Lewis

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Luke 16:29-31

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Romans 10:9

If you confess with your mouth, “Jesus is Lord,” and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.