

**YOU DO NOT
WANT TO GO TO
HELL**

LUKE 16:19-31

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19 There was a certain rich man, which was clothed in purple and fine linen, and fared sumptuously every day:

20 And there was a certain beggar named Lazarus, which was laid at his gate, full of sores,

21 And desiring to be fed with the crumbs which fell from the rich man's table: moreover the dogs came and licked his sores.

22 And it came to pass, that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels into Abraham's bosom: the rich man also died, and was buried;

23 And in hell he lift up his eyes, being in torments, and seeth Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom.

Luke 16:19-31 - continued

24 And 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.

25 But Abraham said, Son, remember that thou in thy lifetime receivedst thy good things, and likewise Lazarus evil things: but now he is comforted, and thou art tormented.

26 And beside all this, between us and you there is a great gulf fixed: so that they which would pass from hence to you cannot; neither can they pass to us, that would come from thence.

Luke 16:19-31 - continued

27 Then he said, I pray thee therefore, father, that thou wouldest send him to my father's house:

28 For I have five brethren; that he may testify unto them, lest they also come into this place of torment.

29 Abraham saith unto him, They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them.

30 And he said, Nay, father Abraham: but if one went unto them from the dead, they will repent.

31 And he said unto him, If they hear not Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded, though one rose from the dead.

Introduction

A. A fearful and often forsaken part of the Bible

1. Fearful because of the subject involved
2. Fearful because of the speaker ... Christ
3. But these words are spoken by Jesus

Mark 9:43

And if thy hand offend thee, cut it off: it is better for thee to enter into life maimed, than having two hands to go into hell, into the fire that never shall be quenched:

B. This account is a study in contrasts

I. The Contrast Of Their Lives (16:19-21)

A. A certain rich man

1. He was very rich

2. He trusted in his riches

1 Timothy 6:17

Charge them that are rich in this world, that they be not highminded, nor trust in uncertain riches, but in the living God, who giveth us richly all things to enjoy;

I. The Contrast Of Their Lives (16:19-21)

B. A certain beggar named Lazarus

1. Jesus called his name

John 10:3

To him the porter openeth; and the sheep hear his voice: and he calleth his own sheep by name, and leadeth them out.

2. Things we don't know about the beggar

a. Don't know his age

b. Don't know how long or why he was a beggar

Proverbs 13:7

There is that maketh himself rich, yet hath nothing: there is that maketh himself poor, yet hath great riches.

I. The Contrast Of Their Lives (16:19-21)

C. What a contrast for the public to see

Proverbs 22:2

The rich and poor meet together: the LORD is the maker of them all.

I. The Contrast Of Their Lives (16:19-21)

C. But there were some things the public could not see

1. Did not know the peace and hope that Lazarus had

Romans 4:18

Who against hope believed in hope, that he might become the father of many nations, according to that which was spoken, So shall thy seed be.

2. Did not know the emptiness within the rich man's heart

Luke 12:21

So is he that layeth up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God.

II. The Contrast Of Their Deaths (16:22)

“And it came to pass ... the beggar died ... the rich man also died, and was buried;

A. Lazarus died first - that was no surprise

- 1. The hours of death can often be surprising**
- 2. No mention of a funeral or burial**

II. The Contrast Of Their Deaths (16:22)

B. The rich man died also

- 1. That was a surprise**
- 2. But wealth cannot buy life**

Luke 12:20

But God said unto him, Thou fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee: then whose shall those things be, which thou hast provided?

- 3. And was buried in status**

C. The reality of death

Hebrews 9:27

And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment:

III. The Contrast Of Their Experiences In Eternity (16:22-31)

**A. Lazarus was carried by the angels into Abraham's
bosom (paradise) (16:22)**

1. The place of saints before Christ's resurrection

Luke 23:43

**And Jesus said unto him, Verily I say unto thee, Today
shalt thou be with me in paradise.**

III. The Contrast Of Their Experiences In Eternity (16:22-31)

A. Lazarus was carried by the angels into Abraham's bosom (paradise) (16:22) - continued

2. The place of all saints after Christ's resurrection is now heaven

a. Those in paradise taken

Ephesians 4:8-9

8 Wherefore he saith, When he ascended up on high, he led captivity captive, and gave gifts unto men.

9 (Now that he ascended, what is it but that he also descended first into the lower parts of the earth?)

III. The Contrast Of Their Experiences In Eternity (16:22-31)

**A. Lazarus was carried by the angels into Abraham's
bosom (paradise) (16:22) - continued**

**2. The place of all saints after Christ's resurrection is
now heaven**

b. Believers now

2 Corinthians 5:8

**We are confident, I say, and willing rather to be absent
from the body, and to be present with the Lord.**

III. The Contrast Of Their Experiences In Eternity (16:22-31)

**A. Lazarus was carried by the angels into Abraham's
bosom (paradise) (16:22) - continued**

3. The plan of God

John 14:6

**Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life:
no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.**

III. The Contrast Of Their Experiences In Eternity (16:22-31)

B. The rich man awoke in hell (16:23-31)

1. A painful punishment (16:23-24)

Luke 13:28

There shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth, when ye shall see Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob, and all the prophets, in the kingdom of God, and you yourselves thrust out.

III. The Contrast Of Their Experiences In Eternity (16:22-31)

B. The rich man awoke in hell (16:23-31) - continued

2. A permanent punishment (16:25-26)

Mark 9:44

Where their worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched.

Matthew 25:46

**And these shall go away into everlasting punishment: but
the righteous into life eternal.**

III. The Contrast Of Their Experiences In Eternity (16:22-31)

C. The rich man's great concern about lost brothers (16:27-31)

1. Surpasses the concern of most Christians

Luke 19:13

And he called his ten servants, and delivered them ten pounds, and said unto them, Occupy till I come.

2. Wanted Lazarus sent back from the dead

Romans 10:17

So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

**No Man Is Prepared To Live Until
Prepared To Die**