

Sitting at the Feet of Jesus

The Rich Man and Lazarus
Luke 16:19-31

Luke 16:13

“No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money.”

Luke 16:14

**The Pharisees, who loved
money, heard all this and
were sneering at Jesus.**

Parable vs. Story

Luke 16:19-20

There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and lived in luxury every day. At his gate was laid a beggar named Lazarus, covered with sores and longing to eat what fell from the rich man's table. Even the dogs came and licked his sores.

Luke 16:22-23

The time came when the beggar died and the angels carried him to Abrahams side.

The rich man also died and was buried. In Hades, where he was in torment, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side.

Luke 16:24

So he called to him,
“Father Abraham, have
pity 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 fire.”

Ecclesiastes 3:11

He set also eternity in
our hearts; yet no one
can fathom what God
has done from the
beginning to the end.

Sheol

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Place where the
dead abide

1. When the beggar
Lazarus died- angels
carried him to
Abrahams side.

**2. Calling for Lazarus
to bring him water
shows his attitude
towards Lazarus.**

Luke 16:25-26

But Abraham replied, “Son remember that in your lifetime you received your good things, while Lazarus received bad things, but now he is comforted here and you are in agony. And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been set in place so that those who want to go from here to you cannot, nor can anyone cross over from there to us.”

1. The rich man was
not in torment
because he was rich
but because he had
lived a life apart from
love and trust in God.

2. This would be a hard pill for the Pharisees to swallow because it was contradictory to their worldview on being wealthy and successful must equal being righteous and blessed.

3. There is no bargaining or moving from place to place. By the time you are there it is too late.

Luke 16:27

He answered, “Then I beg
you father, send Lazarus
to my family, for I have five
brothers. Let him warn
them, so that they will not
also come to the place of
torment.”

Luke 16:29-31

Abraham replied, “They have Moses and the prophets; let them listen to them.”

“No Father Abraham”, he said, “but if someone from the dead goes to them, they will repent.”

He said to him, “If they do not listen to Moses and the Prophets, they will not be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.”

