

Lazarus And The Rich Man – Luke 16:19-31

Jesus showed the folly of not preparing for eternity, and that the gospel alone can save man from his sin. Now He shows how it works.

I. Lazarus and The Rich Man Enter Eternity (19-23)

A. A Rich and Poor Man Die (19-22)

1. The rich and Lazarus lived near each other (19-21)
 - a. The rich man lived in luxury (19)
 - clothed in purple and fine linen
 - feasted sumptuously every day
 - living the life, no cares
 - b. Lazarus lived in squalor (20-21)
 - at the rich man's gate
 - covered with sores
 - desired scraps from the table
 - eating the rich man's garbage
 - lower than dogs – licked his sores
2. The rich man and Lazarus die (22-23)
 - a. Lazarus Went to Paradise (Abraham's Bosom)
 - He was carried there by angels
 - By Abraham's Side (all good Jews wanted to be)
 - Sounds so lovely
 - b. Rich man Went to Hades
 - He was buried (not so lovely sounding)
 - went to torment in hades

II. The Rich Man is Too Late (24-31)

A. Abraham Could Not Relieve the Rich Man (24-26)

1. The Rich Man Cries For Relief (24)
 - a. He Was Depending on Religion / Lineage
 - "Father Abraham..."
 - b. He wanted Relief
 - No repentance, no remorse
 - Just get me some ease
2. Religion Could Not Relieve Him (25-26)
 - a. Abraham Reminded Him of His Life (25a)
 - He called him "child" – good Jew
 - He reminded him of his good life
 - He reminded him of Lazarus' torment in life
 - b. Abraham Explained His Condition (25b)
 - Now Lazarus is comforted
 - Now He is in Anguish
 - c. Abraham Explained His Situation (26)
 - Even if Abraham wanted to He couldn't
 - A great chasm kept them apart
 - No one may cross

- d. Religion was Useless
- B. Abraham Could Not Report On The Rich Man's Condition
 - 1. Men Have God's Warning (27-29)
 - a. The Rich man Wants His Brother's warned
 - send Him to my father's house
 - So they won't come here
 - b. No other warning but Scripture will be given (29)
 - They have Moses and Prophets
 - The OT Scriptures Testified of Gospel
 - 2. God Has Sufficiently Warned Man (30-31)
 - a. The Rich man Cries For Proof (30)
 - My brothers need proof
 - Someone rising from the dead
 - they will repent
 - b. Scripture is Sufficient Proof (31)
 - If they won't receive Scripture
 - They won't be convinced by anything