The Rich Man and Lazarus

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INTRODUCTION

- Some see it as a parable, like the parable of the Good Samaritan and the prodigal son, and others see it as a retelling of a real life event.
- The fact of the matter is the lessons are still there. The content is still there. The main message that Jesus is trying to get across to the hearers is still there.
- The only time we go to this story to study what it has to say is to consider one thing and one thing alone, and that's what it reveals about death.

1 Greed Will Cost You Your Soul

Luke 16:13–14; 1 Timothy 6:17–19; Matthew 25:31–46

- The main reason Jesus told this story was to talk about greed. It was to talk about the sin of greed.
- No servant can serve two masters. For either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he'll be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.
- He is exposing the greed and the selfishness of the Pharisees. He is warning people against being like them.
- While there's nothing wrong with having money and stuff, we don't need to be greedy with our money and our stuff.
- We as citizens in this great country. We are the rich in this present world.
- One of the things he's going to talk with us about is what do we do with our blessings? He wants to know were we stingy or generous.

2 There Is an Existence Beyond This Life

Luke 23:43

- There is going to be an afterlife. There is life after death. Death is not the end.
- They retained their identities, even their memories.
- The righteous and the wicked are separated at death. And we need to understand that separation is going to be final.
- That means it matters how we live.
- That dash is what we're going to be judged by on the judgment day.
- Depending on how we live, during the period between the dash, will determine whether we're going to be in a situation of comfort or a situation of torment forever.

3 The Bible Is Enough

Luke 16:27–31; 2 Timothy 3:16–17

- If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, they will not be persuaded even if someone rises from the dead.
- The Bible is perfect. The Bible is sufficient. It is all we need to lead us to God and help us avoid being lost.
- All scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work.
- If we're not convinced by the words of the Bible to serve the Lord, then we're not going to be convinced to serve God if we saw a miracle or if we even saw someone raised from the dead.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **Do you believe the Bible is His Word? And that is all you need to get you from this earth to God's heaven.**

MY NOTES