



Parables Series Part 6
Rich Man and Lazarus
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Luke 16:19-31; John 5:25-29

This parable is about **Economics**.

This parable is about **Eternal Destiny**.

- God desires that **None** should perish, but that all would come to experience abundant, everlasting life. BUT, at a certain point, **God** honors our **Choices**.
- Hell is quite simply **Eternal Separation** from God and it's its own **Punishment** because one cannot find life, beauty, goodness, and peace apart from Him.

The question is not '**Why?**' but '**What Now?**' What matters is how we choose to **respond** to the situations in our lives.

1. Jesus wants us to know that there is **Life after death**.
2. Jesus informs us that there is such a thing as **Judgement**.
3. Jesus desperately communicates to us that there is no **changing direction** after death.
4. Jesus reminds us that **today** is the day of **Salvation**.

Why name the poor man Lazarus, "the one who God helps"?

- God **desired** to help Lazarus in his days of earthly suffering and He was looking for one of His followers to be His helping hands.
- It shows that Jesus **knows** his name and forces us to **notice** the 'Lazaruses' God has laid at our gates.
- Jesus calls him 'Lazarus' because he has in fact given the rich man that **sign** for which he asked! (See John 11.)

Choose life! Choose the Life Giver!

