



*Lesson 5: The Rich Man and Lazarus
(Luke 16:19-31)*

Introduction

A real story or a parable?

- **The main purpose:** to warn the hearers that Hell will be full of people who never expected to be there

Divisions

1. Two men before death (vv. 19-21)
2. Two men at death (v. 22)
3. Two men after death (vv. 23-31)

(1) Two men before death (vv. 19-21)

A description of the rich man

- _____
- _____
- _____

A description of the poor man

- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____

Cultural belief

- The rich man was blessed by God and assured of Heaven
- The poor man was cursed by God and assured of Hell

(2) Two men at death (v. 22)

Similarities

Differences

- Poor man

- Rich man

(3) Two men after death (vv. 23-26)

- **Poor man**

- **Rich man**

The story of the rich man points to some terrifying facts about Hell

- Hell is a real place (v. 23)
- Hell is an immediate place (vv. 22-23)
- Hell is a conscious place (v. 23)
- Hell is a separated place (vv. 23, 26)
- Hell is an agonizing place (v. 24)
- Hell is a haunting place (v. 25)
- Hell is an inescapable place (v. 26)

The Dividing Line: Hearing from Scripture

Why is the rich man in Hell?

VV. 27-28

- How should we understand this?

V. 29

- God needs to do nothing greater than He has done in giving men written Scripture
- There is no better method or more effective messenger with special power to give sight to the blind or life to the dead than the Word of God

V. 30

- Why do you think they will not repent if someone came back from the dead?
 - _____ (John 11:45-53)
 - _____ (Matthew 28:12-14)
 - No miracles of any magnitude will convince someone who hears and understands the message of the Scripture but rejects it anyway

- **V. 31**

Application