**PARABLES: Truth Hidden In Plain Sight**

**Lazarus & The Rich Man, Luke 14:16-24**

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**Parable:** a simple story used to illustrate a moral or spiritual lesson.

**In The Parable of Lazarus and the Rich Man, Jesus Teaches…**

**#1) Wealth / Riches Are Not Evidence of God’s Love & Blessing.**

***19****“There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and lived in luxury every day.****20****At his gate was laid a beggar named Lazarus, covered with sores****21****and longing to eat what fell from the rich man’s table. Even the dogs came and licked his sores.* Luke 16:19-21

(See John 9:2-3)

**#2) Heaven and Hell Are Both Real, LITERAL Places.**

***22****“The time came when the beggar died and the angels carried him to Abraham’s side. The rich man also died and was buried.* Luke 16:22

***23****In Hades, where he was in torment, he looked up and saw Abraham far away, with Lazarus by his side.* Luke 16:23. (See Luke 12:4-5)

**KEY: Our choice to seek God or disregard Him here on earth will literally affect where we spend eternity.**

**#3) Jesus Teaches ALL Are Conscious For Eternity.**

***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.’* Luke 16:24

(See Hebrews 9:27-28)

***25****“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.* Luke 16:25

**#4) Jesus Teaches There’s No 2nd Chance For Heaven After We Die.**

***26****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.’* Luke 16:26

***27****“He answered, ‘Then I beg you, father, send Lazarus to my family,****28****for I have five brothers. Let him warn them, so that they will not also come to this place of torment.’* ***29****“Abraham replied, ‘They have Moses and the Prophets; let them listen to them.’* Luke 16:27-28

***30****“‘No, father Abraham,’ he said, ‘but if someone from the dead goes to them, they will* ***repent****.’*  Luke 16:30

*Repent. Repent*, in its most literal sense, simply means “to change one’s mind.” A change of mind often results in a change of attitude, emotion, and action.

***31****“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.’”* Luke 16:31

**Who Is On My Heart To Share Eternity With This Week:**

Matthew 11:19