

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

1. What would you list as your main responsibilities in life?

2. Read Luke 16:19-21. Why is the Rich Man particularly guilty? To what level has he paid attention to Lazarus? What is his level of responsibility towards Lazarus, as inferred by these opening verses?

3. Are there poor people in your life who've asked for help but are easy to ignore? Are there poor people—in any part of the world—that you see and hear?

4. Read vs 22-26. Where do the two characters go in the afterlife? How does v25 summarize the age to come? See also Matt 20:16.

5. Do you believe in hell? What does this parable teach us about it's nature and purpose?

6. Read vs27-28. What does the Rich Man get right in these verses? Aside from physical need, what other need do people have?

7. What is one purpose of the Old Testament according to v29? Should the fact of judgment and punishment be a surprise?

8. What event might v30-31 be alluding to? What does this allusion teach us about the nature of belief and unbelief?

9. According to this passage, is it enough to simply believe in Jesus? What ought to accompany faith? What should the Rich Man have done while he was alive?

10. Is your own wealth placing you in eternal danger?

11. Spend some time in quiet prayer of repentance. Resolve to take some action.