

Which Jesus do we See and Preach? IV

“Jesus of the poor”

Luke 16 :19-31 Lazarus and the rich man

Luke 16:19 There was a **certain rich man**, which was clothed in purple and fine linen, and fared sumptuously every day: ²⁰ And there was a **certain beggar named Lazarus**, which was laid at his gate, full of sores, ²¹ And desiring to be fed with the crumbs which fell from the rich man’s table: moreover the dogs came and licked his sores. ²² And it came to pass, **that the beggar died**, and was carried by the angels into Abraham’s bosom: **the rich man also died, and was buried;** ²³ And in hell he lifts up his eyes, being in torments, and seeth **Abraham afar off, and Lazarus** in his bosom. ²⁴ And he cried and said, Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus, that he may dip the tip of his finger in water, and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame. ²⁵ But Abraham said, Son, remember that thou in thy **lifetime receivedst thy good things**, and likewise **Lazarus evil things**: but now he is comforted, and thou art tormented. ²⁶ And beside all this, between us and you there is a great gulf fixed: so that they which would pass from hence to you cannot; neither can they pass to us, that *would come* from thence. ²⁷ Then he said, I pray thee therefore, father, that thou wouldest send him to my father’s house: ²⁸ For I have five brethren; that he may testify unto them, lest they also come into this place of torment. ²⁹ Abraham saith unto him, They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them. ³⁰ And he said, **Nay, father Abraham: but if one went unto them from the dead**, they will repent. ³¹ And he said unto him, If they hear not Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded, though one rose from the dead.

There are those who are rich and those that are poor in this world.

Will we let Jesus become our master verses letting money master us? *Vs 16:13*

ESV Luke 16:13 No servant can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money.”

I

The condition of the rich man was he was well dressed. *Vs 19*

He wanted everyone to notice him.

The rich man was well fed everyday he was banqueting.

II

The circumstances of Lazarus, was he was a poor beggar.

Lazarus desired the crumbs from the rich man’s table. *Mark 7:24*

Lazarus was carried and laid at the rich man’s gate daily.

Lazarus was sick with sores.

The dogs licked his wounds, providing him with some healthcare.

- Lazarus was sick, covered with sores and hungry.

Ecclesiastes 4:1 Again I saw all the oppressions that are done under the sun. And behold, the tears of the oppressed, and they **had no one to comfort them!** On the side of heir oppressors there was power, and **there was no one to comfort them.**

Lazarus means God is my help.

- Lazarus doesn’t look like God is helping him.

III

There is a commonality for the rich and the poor, both will die.

Lazarus dies and is carried to eternal rest. *Vs 22*

The rich died and was buried.

- He had final prearrangements.

IV

There are consequences after death based on what we do in life.

The man lifts up his eyes in hell. *Vs 23*

Mark 8:36 For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?

The rich man is being tormented in flames. *Vs 24*

- The rich man tries to use his “race card”, ‘Father Abraham’.

Abraham reviews his life’s journey of ease and comfort. *Vs 25*

V

Concern for others finally come to the rich man.

The rich man becomes a beggar, pleading for his family.

- *Remember have things without letting things have you.*
- *Share God’s bounty with others. Psalm 24:1*

- *Remember to be faithful with the Lord's bounty. **Luke 16:1-12***
- *Don't get compassion fatigue or ignore the plight of the poor.*
- *Remember the poor! **Micah 6:8** Do justice, love mercy, walk humbly with God.*

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