

# Life after Life

Message #6

Message from  
Beyond the  
Grave



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**14 Now the Pharisees, who were lovers of money, also heard all these things, and they derided Him. 15 And He said to them, "You are those who justify yourselves before men, but God knows your hearts. For what is highly esteemed among men is an abomination in the sight of God.**

## **Jesus, Luke 16:19-31**

**19 "There was a certain rich man who was clothed in purple and fine linen and fared sumptuously every day. 20 But there was a certain beggar named Lazarus, full of sores, who was laid at his gate,"**

## **Jesus, Luke 16:19-31**

**21 “desiring to be fed with the crumbs which fell from the rich man's table. Moreover the dogs came and licked his sores. 22 So it was that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels to Abraham's bosom. The rich man also died and was buried.”**

## **Jesus, Luke 16:19-31**

**23 "And being in torments in Hades, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom. 24 Then 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.'**

## **Jesus, Luke 16:19-31**

**25 "But Abraham said, 'Son, remember that in your lifetime you received your good things, and likewise Lazarus evil things; but now he is comforted and you are tormented.**

## **Jesus, Luke 16:19-31**

**26 'And besides all this, between us and you there is a great gulf fixed, so that those who want to pass from here to you cannot, nor can those from there pass to us.'**

## **Jesus, Luke 16:19-31**

**27 "Then he said, 'I beg you therefore, father, that you would send him to my father's house, 28 'for I have five brothers, that he may testify to them, lest they also come to this place of torment.'**



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**29 "Abraham said to him, 'They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them.' 30 "And he said, 'No, father Abraham; but if one goes to them from the dead, they will repent.'**

## **Jesus, Luke 16:19-31**

**31 "But he said to him, 'If they do not hear Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded though one rise from the dead.'"**

# 2 Men

**Rich Man**

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**Lazarus**



# Rich Man

- **An Insider**
- **Clothed in purple**
- **Fine Linen**
- **King's Feast Everyday**
- **Gated Mansion**
- **Luxurious Lifestyle**

# Lazarus

- Beggar
- An Outsider
- Full of sores – sick, unhealthy
- Laid at the gate
- Hungry
- His only companions – the wild, unclean dogs

## Rich Man

- Insider

- Covered in the finest threads

## Lazarus

- Outsider

- Covered in sores

## Rich Man

- Feasted Everyday

- Gated Mansion

- Luxurious Lifestyle

## Lazarus

- Hungry, malnourished

- No possessions

- Abject Poverty

## Rich Man

- Evidently, the Rich Man was not a man of faith, even though he may have had the outward appearance of one.

(Pharisees)

## Lazarus

- Evidently, Lazarus was a man of faith because he winds up in Heaven.

(although many would have considered him under judgment or a curse.)



## **Punch in the Gut from Jesus**

**“the dogs came and  
licked his sores”**

**I wonder what was Lazarus' story?**

# Thought

**Most want to be like  
this “rich man”.**

**Nobody would want  
to be like Lazarus.**

# **Jesus Warns Us**

**(vs 15b)**

**For what is highly  
esteemed among men  
is an abomination in  
the sight of God.**

## **Another Thought**

**Rich man's name is  
not given.**

**Beggar is honored with  
a name, Lazarus = One  
whom God helps.**

**One is esteemed by Jesus and  
the other is despised and rejected,**

**The Great Equalizer Comes to Both**

# Death

**vs22**

**"So it was that the beggar died,  
and was carried by the angels to  
Abraham's bosom. The rich man  
also died and was buried.**



**Lazarus died**

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**“and was carried  
by the angels”**

# **Rich Man Died**

**“The rich man also died and was buried.”**

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**The emphasis is upon his burial.**

- Which kind of honor do you want?
- Honor from people or from God?

Jesus, John 12:43

“for they loved the praise of men more than the  
praise of God.”



## Truth About Life After Life

- Your eternal fate is sealed at the point of death.
  - Heb 9:27....And as it is appointed for men to die once, but after this the judgment
  - No Do-Overs, No Purgatory
  - No Universal Salvation

## **Truth About Life After Life**

- **What you do in this life has a direct impact on where and how you spend eternity.**
  - Especially, your relationship with Jesus.

# 2 Destinies



# Lazarus

**“carried to Abraham’s Bosom”**

**(vs 25) “now he is comforted”**

Abraham’s Bosom / Paradise



## Ephesians 4:8-10

8 Therefore He says: "When He ascended on high, He **led captivity captive**, and gave gifts to men."

9 (Now this, "He ascended" --what does it mean but that He also **first descended into the lower parts of the earth**? 10 He who descended is also the One who ascended far above all the heavens, that He might fill all things.)

# Hades - The Underworld

**“in torments”**

(vs 23, 24, 25)

Severe pain, severe suffering



## Jesus, Mark 9:43-48

43 "If your hand causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter into life maimed, rather than having two hands, to go to hell, into the fire that shall never be quenched-- 44 "where  
‘their worm does not die,  
and the fire is not quenched.’



HELL

## Jesus, Mark 9:43-48

45 "And if your foot causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life lame, rather than having two feet, to be cast into hell, into the fire that shall never be quenched-- 46 "where

**'their worm does not die,**  
**and the fire is not quenched.'**

HELL



## Jesus, Mark 9:43-48

47 "And if your eye causes you to sin, pluck it out. It is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye, rather than having two eyes, to be cast into hell fire-- 48 "where

**'their worm does not die,**  
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HELL

## **Revelation 20:11-15**

11 Then I saw a great white throne and Him who sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away. And there was found no place for them.

12 And I saw the dead, small and great, standing before God, and books were opened. And another book was opened, which is the Book of Life. And the dead were judged according to their works, by the things which were written in the books.

## Revelation 20:11-15

13 The sea gave up the dead who were in it, and **Death and Hades delivered up the dead who were in them.** And they were judged, each one according to his works. 14 Then Death and Hades were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death.

15 And anyone not found written in the Book of Life was cast into **the lake of fire.**

# 2 Requests

(vs 24)

"Then 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.'



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(vs 27-28)

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# Abraham's Response

**(vs 29)**

**"Abraham said to him, 'They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them.'**



(vs 30-31)

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**To the...**

**Lovers of Money**

**&**

**Those Far Away from God**

- **Eternity is coming!**
- **Heaven & Hell are real!**

