

Luke 16:19-31 The Rich Man and Lazarus

Which man would you rather be?

The Context

Chapter 16 contains two related parables dealing with wealth and money. Verses 13-15 are a bridge between the parables and set the parables in the context of a conflict between Jesus and the Pharisees. Do these verses give any clue as to why Jesus told our parable of the rich man and Lazarus?

What warning do these verses contain for us?

Jesus accuses the Pharisees of justifying themselves in the eyes of others. How might we do this?

The Parable

What do you like about the story?

What do you find disturbing?

What are the warnings of the parable?

What comfort do you take from the parable?

Read Revelation 21:3-4 together. Discuss the verses together. To what extent does this vision of the future influence your present lifestyle?

One way we may respond to this parable is to share the story with another person and talk about how it impacts you. How would you start such a conversation?