

The rich man and Lazarus

Luke 16:19-31

- (19) “Now there was a certain rich man, and he was clothed in purple and fine linen, living in luxury every day.
- (20) A certain beggar, named Lazarus, was laid at his gate, full of sores,
- (21) and desiring to be fed with the crumbs that fell from the rich man’s table. Yes, even the dogs came and licked his sores.
- (22) It happened that the beggar died, and that he was carried away by the angels to Abraham’s bosom. The rich man also died, and was buried.
- (23) In Hades, he lifted up his eyes, being in torment, and saw Abraham far off, and Lazarus at his bosom.
- (24) 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 in anguish in this flame.’
- (25) “But Abraham said, ‘Son, remember that you, in your lifetime, received your good things, and Lazarus, in the same way, bad things. But now here he is comforted and you are in anguish.
- (26) Besides all this, between us and you there is a great gulf fixed, that those who want to pass from here to you are not able, and that none may cross over from there to us.’
- (27) “He said, ‘I ask 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, so they won’t also come into this place of torment.’
- (29) “But Abraham said to him, ‘They have Moses and the prophets. Let them listen to them.’
- (30) “He said, ‘No, father Abraham, but if one goes to them from the dead, they will repent.’
- (31) “He said to him, ‘If they don’t listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded if one rises from the dead.’”

Jesus instructs disciples

Luke 17:1-10

- (1) He said to the disciples, “It is impossible that no occasions of stumbling should come, but woe to him through whom they come!
- (2) It would be better for him if a millstone were hung around his neck, and he were thrown into the sea, rather than that he should cause one of these little ones to stumble.
- (3) Be careful. If your brother sins against you, rebuke him. If he repents, forgive him.
- (4) If he sins against you seven times in the day, and seven times returns, saying, ‘I repent,’ you shall forgive him.”
- (5) The apostles said to the Lord, “Increase our faith.”
- (6) The Lord said, “If you had faith like a grain of mustard seed, you would tell this sycamore tree, ‘Be uprooted, and be planted in the sea,’ and it would obey you.
- (7) But who is there among you, having a servant plowing or keeping sheep, that will say, when he comes in from the field, ‘Come immediately and sit down at the table,’
- (8) and will not rather tell him, ‘Prepare my supper, clothe yourself properly, and serve me, while I eat and drink. Afterward you shall eat and drink’?
- (9) Does he thank that servant because he did the things that were commanded? I think not.
- (10) Even so you also, when you have done all the things that are commanded you, say, ‘We are unworthy servants. We have done our duty.’”