The Parable Of The Rich Man And Lazarus

Luke 16:19-31

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- The reason for this parable.
 - The Pharisees apparently loved money more than God. Luke 16:14-15
 - True love for God is seen in our actions.
 Prov. 22:9, Titus 1:15-16; 1 John 3:17-18
 - The need to correct their lives now.
 Mark 10:29-31

- The parable given.
 - A contrast between a man of great wealth, and a man in great need. Luke 16:19-20
 - Wealth not a sign of spiritual well-being, need is not a sign of disfavor of God. Prov. 16:8
 - ◆ Both of these men die. *Luke 16:22*
 - A truth that many fail to realize. *Prov. 22:2*

- The parable given.
 - The rich man's wealth now cannot help him.

Luke 16:23-25

Wealth is only good for this life.

Prov. 11:4, Mark 8:36

- ◆ Their fate was sealed after death. *Luke 16:26*
 - The time to correct spiritual situation is now.
 - 2 Cor. 5:10

- The parable given.
 - The rich man's plea for his brothers. Luke 16:27-28
 - Too late to try and reach the lost once one is dead. *Eccl. 9:5-6, 10*
 - Abraham gives the answer for salvation to the living. Luke 16:29-31
 - The answer to man's spiritual need is in the word of God. 2 Tim. 3:16-17; Ps. 119:105

- Lessons we can learn from this parable:
 - Material wealth is not a sign of true success.
 Luke 12:15-21; James 2:5
 - ◆ That there will not be a second chance. *Heb. 9:27*
 - We must hear God's word. Heb. 1:1-2; Rom. 1:16;
 James 1:21, 22, 25
 - Now is the time to seek salvation. Isa. 1:18; 2 Cor. 6:2

