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*The Rich Man and Lazarus*

*Luke 16:19-31*

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1. Read Luke 16:14 and discuss the context of the parable and to whom was this parable given.
2. Luke chapter 16 is largely a discussion on money. To see the parable of the rich man and Lazarus in the proper context we need to first look at the parable of the unjust manager in vs. 1-9. This manager realizes that he is losing his stewardship of the master's possessions, so he uses the responsibilities given to him to secure a future for himself. What lessons can we learn about our handling money from the unjust manager?
3. The parable of the Rich man and Lazarus does not discuss the hearts of the two characters who die, but the preceding verse (vs. 15) tells us that God sees the hearts. What can we surmise about the hearts of the two men based on their descriptions?
4. What can we assume the rich man, in torment, wanted to warn his 5 brothers about? What did they have to do to change their destiny?
5. Abraham responds that they have Moses and the Prophets – let them hear them. What does this tell us about the saving power of the Old Testament? What would they likely hear in the Old Testament that would reprove them?
6. Luke 16:31 is a sad commentary on the rejection of the Jewish people and their hardness of heart. In John 12:9-11, what was the response when somebody did rise from the dead?