

Destiny after Death Pt 2 Luke 16

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Our Mortal lives can be represented by a small dot on an eternal timeline. Our afterlife is represented by a ray. What we do during the “dot” affects everything that happens on the “Ray.”

(James 4:14; Pr. 90:12) Most tombstones represent our lives by a small dash. What we do with Jesus during our dash; determines our Destination after your dash is done. (Jn 3:18; 36)

Heb. 9:27 *“It is appointed unto men once to die, after this, the judgment!”*

Κρίσις (Kri’sis) Decision (for or against); tribunal; justice (divine law)

What we do For Jesus during our dash; determines our Destiny after our dash. (2 Cor 5:9-11)

Jesus closes Luke 16 by using two very different men to reveal what happens after death.

Through this account, Jesus reveals that death is:

- Death is Inevitable! Vs 22 *“the beggar died, ... the rich man also died”*
- Death is Transitional! 22-23 It’s not the conclusion, *but the Introduction into Eternity.*
- Death is “Destinational”

There’s only two destinations after death. Vs. 22,23

1. Paradise (and Heaven) is a place of:

A. Comfort. Vs 25 *“now he is comforted”*

B. Clarity. 1Cor. 13:12 *“Now we see through a glass, darkly, but then face to face.”*

C. Companionship. “Abraham’s bosom” Heb. 12:22-23

D. Compensation. 1 Cor. 3:10-15 *“If any man’s work abide, he shall receive a reward”*

Mt. 6:20; 2 Cor. 5:10-21; 2 Tim. 4:7,8; 2 Pt 1:5-11

Mt 25:21 *“Well done, thou good and faithful servant: thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord.”*

Rev 2:7 *“To him that overcometh (nikao) will I give to eat of the tree of life, which is in the midst of the paradise of God.”* (Described in Rev. 21,22) see also Ro. 8:37-39

2. Hell (54 x in the Bible) Lk 16:23-24 *“The rich man died also, and in hell (ὄδης {hades})*

he lifted up his eyes being in torments.”

A. Hades is a type of “jail” to hold unrepentant humanity until the final judgment.

Ezek. 18:20 *“The soul that sinneth, it shall die.”*

Ro. 6:23 *“The wages of sin is death...”*

Jn 8:24 *“if ye believe not that I am he, ye shall die in your sins.”* Jn 3:18, 36

B. Hell is a place of:

1) Clarity. Vs 25 *“Son, Remember...”* Hades comes from Eidō: to know, be aware!

a) He recognized Abraham, Lazarus!

b) He remembered his life & family!

2) **Corruption**. Jesus described Hell in Mark 9:44: *"Where their worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched."*

Mt 10:28 *"fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell."*

a) The word "Hell" in these passages is Ge'enna (hell fire) named after the valley of Hinnom. This is where they sacrificed their babies to Molech and where King Josiah eventually "defiled Tophet" by turning it into the city dump where garbage was constantly burned. 2 Kings 23:10

3) **Covetousness**. (unsatisfied desires) vs 24 *"Send Lazarus that he may dip his finger in a glass of water and cool my tongue"*

a) He Felt, saw, experienced, desired (*what was forever out of his reach!*) Rev. 22:11

4) **Cruciation** (excruciating torment) vs 24 *"I am tormented in this flame*
28 lest they come to this place of torment" (basinos: grief, torture)

Conclusion: If Hades is the temporary Jail, What, Where, & When is the Prison?

At the final (White Throne) judgment, the souls in hades will reunite with their (immortal) bodies for final (and eternal) sentencing. (Rev 20:11-15) 14 *"death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. 15 And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire."*

(Is your name in that "Book of Life"?)

Jesus described this in Matthew 7:22-23 *"Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? and then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity."*

Then closed with the sermon on the mount with the Wise and Foolish man. 24-27

Right after the Parable of the Faithful servants Jesus told the parable of the Sheep and Goats in Matthew 25:41 *"Then shall he say also unto them on his left. . . , Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels: . . . 46 And these shall go away into everlasting punishment: but the righteous into life eternal."* (See Rev. 21:5-8)

Application: Romans 6:23 *"The wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life, through Jesus Christ our Lord"*

2 Cor 5:19-21 *"God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation. (katallagē': exchange through atonement) God made him to be sin for us, Who knew no sin, That we might be made the righteousness Of God, In Him!"*

Have you been Reconciled to God?

1) Are you a faithful ambassador seeking to "reconcile" others to God? Pr. 24:11-12
Heb 9: 27 *"it is appointed. . . once to die, But after this, the Judgment"* (Kri'sis: Decision)

**God's Judgment (decision) then
will depend on your decisions now!**