

***Sermon Title:* "RICH MAN/POOR MAN"**

Date: July 2, 2023 - Luke 16:19-31

Central Idea: Jesus died for our sins because Heaven and Hell are very real places. Have you received Jesus' generous offer of eternal life in Heaven?

Introduction:

This is the story of two men who lived at opposite extremes of the social order. The one owned everything yet possessed nothing. The other owned nothing but inherited everything. Clothed in figurative language, this story addresses life's most solemn realities. Here are three strongly contrasting pictures.

I. A Contrast in Life vv. 19-21

II. A Contrast in Death vv. 22

- 1. Death is not the end.**
- 2. Death is the beginning.**

III. A Contrast in Eternity vv. 23-31

- 1. Rich man prayed for himself vv. 23-26**
- 2. Rich man prayed for his brothers vv. 27-31**

Conclusion:

Our Lord is not teaching that it is a vice to be rich or a virtue to be poor. Neither is He teaching that the rich go to hell and the poor go to heaven. Rather, He is teaching that a man's use of his advantages is a revelation of his character and that character determines destiny. The rich man began to pray too late (v. 27).

"For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?" (Mark 8:36)

Jesus is asking you this question. What is your answer?