

Luke 16:19 - 31



How things look in this world

Present illustration (parable)

2 people

1, The rich man looks
good/favoured

Big name – not given

2, A nobody called Lazarus

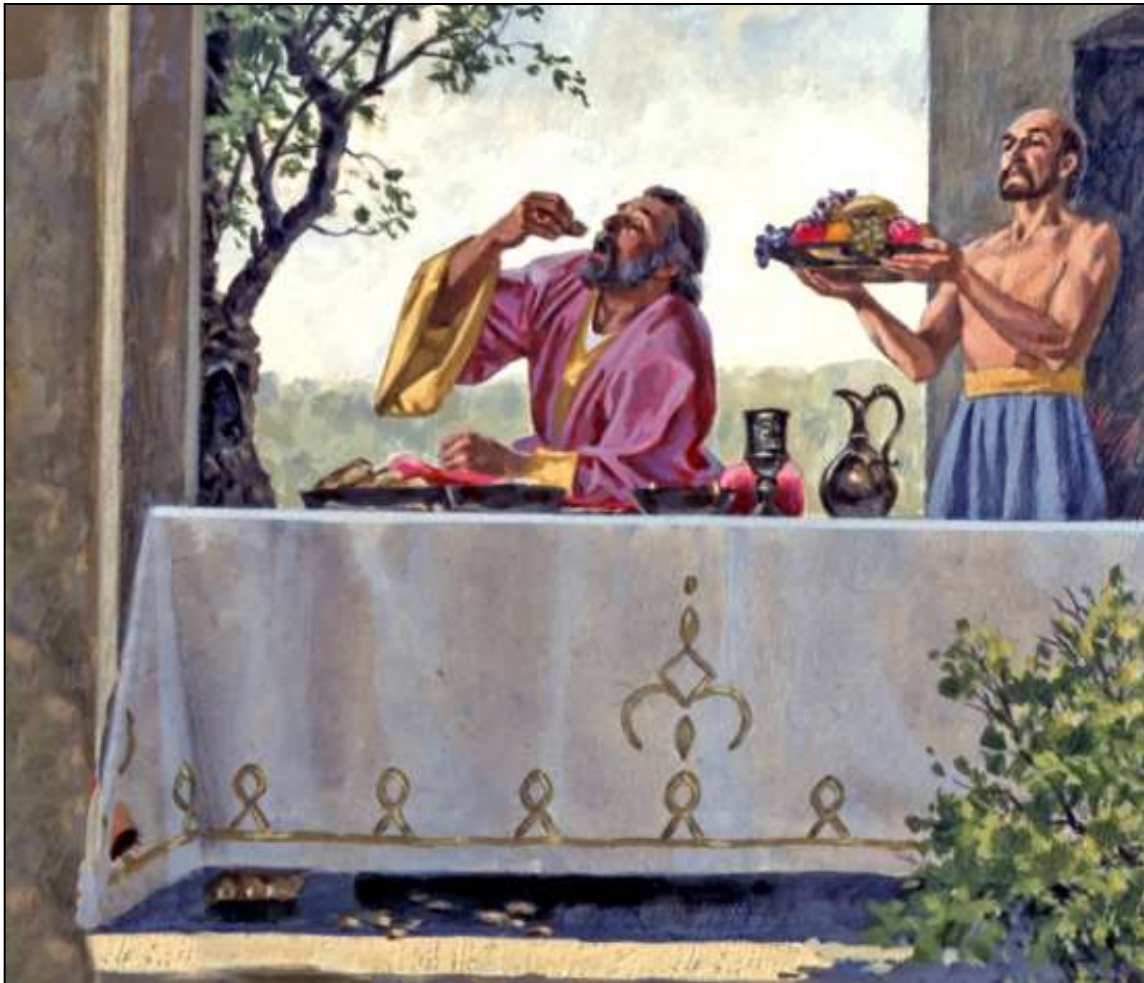


There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen



‘royal’ expensive clothes
designer suits!

and lived in luxury every day.



Gourmet food – permanent feast !



There was no sin in this.
Honestly earned wealth

But he neglected his soul's health

The sin of this rich man was not so much his dress or his diet,
but his providing only for himself for this world.

At his gate



was laid a beggar named Lazarus, (God helped)





covered with sores
and longing to eat what fell from the rich man's table.

Even the dogs came and licked his sores.



How it looks in the (next) other world



The time came when the beggar died and the angels carried him to Abraham's side.



The rich man also died and was buried



In Hades, where he was in torment, he looked up and saw Abraham far away, with Lazarus by his side.



So he called to him, 'Father Abraham, have pity on me and send **Lazarus** to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, because I am in agony in this fire

Who is the beggar now?



But Abraham replied, “Son, remember that in your lifetime you received your good things, while Lazarus received bad things, but now he is comforted here and you are in agony.”

REMEMBER

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part of torment

You're my “son”. Natural descent not enough

Your previous state

What you had received – and thought you “owned”

Your behaviour towards Lazarus

God's justice in rewards and punishment

And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been set in place, so that those who want to go from here to you cannot, nor can anyone cross over from there to us.



**Your opportunity for grace has gone
No communication**

He answered, 'Then I beg you, father, send Lazarus to my family, for I have five brothers. Let him warn them, so that they will not also come to this place of torment.'



Request denied

Abraham replied,
'They have Moses and the Prophets; let them listen to them.'



'No, father Abraham,' he said,
'but if someone from the dead goes to them, they will repent.'
He said to him,
'If they do not listen to Moses and the Prophets, they will not
be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.'



The table has been turned

What you see and what will be may be very different.

What men value is detestable in God's sight

Chapter 16:15

The Measure !

**Love the lord your God with all your heart
And your neighbour as yourself.**

The Key Question

What was Lazarus's trust and attitude while he lived?