

Context

1] J to disciples – use (God's) possessions generously while on earth (16:9)

2] Pharisees ... loved money ..sneered. (14)

3] Jesus replied

a) People entering the Kingdom (by grace) (16) even though perfection required (17)

b) telling this parable (16:19-31)

??? Why no mention of 'faith'?

MP *Those who disbelieve Moses and the Prophets, will not believe in the resurrection*

KV *If they do not listen to Moses and the Prophets, they will not be convinced even if someone rises from the dead (31)*

The situation (19-21)

1] Richman

a) Purple (from shell fish murex') and fine linen – priestly or v rich

cf purple, fine linen - Religious =Tabernacle (Ex 25-39); Wealthy = Mordecai (Est 8:15) cf Jesus crucifixion (Jn 19:5; Mk 15:17)

b) gate

cf a palace

2] Lazarus –

a) meaning – GK 'God has helped'

b) laid = crippled

cf who sinned ...that he was born blind (John 9:1)

c) at gate

cf beggar at gate of Temple (Acts 3:2)

c) sores

d) unable to eat

cf unable to get into the pool (John 5:7)

After death (22, 23)

1] Lazarus –

a) angels carried him

cf angels rejoicing over repentant sinner (15:10)

b) to Abraham's side

nb Abraham was Father of the faithful (Gen 15:6)

Cf Matt 8:11; John 13:23)

2] Richman –

a) buried in torment in Hell

nb Greek Hades, place of the departed. Here it seems to be equivalent to Gehenna,(12:28) the place of punishment.

b) Saw Abraham with Lazarus by side far away

cf See Abraham... but you are thrown out (Luke 13:28)

The dialogue (24-31)

1] Rich Man - relief? (24)

- a) Father Abraham
- b) Have pity
- c) Send Lazarus
- d) Cool tongue ... agony

2] Abraham - **NO** (25-26)

- 1) 'judgement'
 - a) RM – good things – agony
 - b) L – bad things – comforted

2] the chasm- fixed , none cross

cf Parable of sheep & goats, Matthew 25:32-46 - compare v34: 'the kingdom prepared for you since the foundation of the world,' with v 41: 'into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels.'

God's judgement is final / just

Reckon on final judgement – Heaven and Hell

3] Rich Man – warning? (27)

- a) send Lazarus
- b) to father's house
- c) 5 brothers (and him makes 6?)

nb 6 brothers – number of the beast 666 (Rev 13:18)

d) warn of torment.

4] Abraham – **NO** (29)

- a) Moses (Law) and Prophets
- b) Listen to them

5] Richman – reason? (30)

- a) If someone from the dead...
- b) they will repent

6] Abraham – **NO** (31)

- a) do not listen to Moses and Prophets

cf vs 16

- b) Will not be convinced by someone rising from dead

GRACE listen to/believe and you will receive

JESUS the resurrection of Jesus is the defining point of our faith

Believe in Jesus / His resurrection

If you listen to Jesus, you listen to the whole Bible

Parable

God - is the judge – Father Abraham is in his place

We - Richman or Lazarus

Subject - Believing in / receiving Jesus as Messiah