

## INTRODUCTION

- \* Over the past month, we have been studying Luke 14 through 16. In this portion of Luke, we have seen Jesus teaching various people groups that were following Him. In this section, we have seen Jesus' use of parables - or word pictures - to help illustrate, or portray, the point which He was conveying. Additionally, Jesus tended to teach into a moment by addressing a question, or statement, from those following Him.
- \* Last week, at the beginning of chapter 16, Jesus specifically turned his teaching toward His disciples - sharing with them a parable regarding an unjust, or unrighteous, steward who is at first condemned and then commended by his master. At the conclusion of the parable, we saw that there were "others" (specifically, the pharisees) who were listening in, and who understood that the parable was addressing them.
- \* Today, we want to pick up with that understanding of the Pharisees and consider Jesus' instruction to them after their derision of Him. In this portion, we saw Jesus first quickly address the extent of God's Knowledge, Kingdom, and Law. He then shares a parable which, at its core, is addressing the hardness of the Pharisees' hearts ... but which also opens up an opportunity for us to discuss what post-death might look like.

## INSTRUCTION

### I. THE PRELIMINARY TEACHING (v. 14-18)

#### A. The Extent of God's K\_\_\_\_\_ (v. 14-15)

- \* cf. 1 Samuel 16:7; 1 Corinthians 4:5; Hebrews 4:12-13; Psalm 7:9; 139:1-6; Jeremiah 17:10

#### B. The Extent of God's K\_\_\_\_\_ (v. 16)

1. THE PR\_\_\_\_\_ OF THE KINGDOM (cf. Matthew 3:1-2; 4:17; 5:17-20)
2. THE PR\_\_\_\_\_ OF THE KINGDOM (cf. Luke 9:1-2; 10:1,9-11)
3. THE PR\_\_\_\_\_ OF THE KINGDOM (cf. Luke 7:29-30)

#### C. The Extent of God's L\_\_\_\_\_ (v. 16-18)

- \* cf. Matthew 5:17-20; Romans 3:31; 7:7-14, 22, 25; 8:2-4; 10:1-4
- \* cf. Isaiah 40:8; Matthew 24:35; Luke 21:23; Psalm 119:89-90; 152; 1 Peter 1:25

### II. THE PRIMARY TEACHING (v. 19-31)

#### A. The Hardened Heart

##### 1. REVEALED IN THE T\_\_\_\_\_ OF LAZARUS

###### a. On E\_\_\_\_\_ (v. 19-22)

###### i. LAZARUS' FINANCIAL SITUATION

- \* Deuteronomy 15:7-11; Leviticus 25:35-38; Proverbs 14:21, 31; 17:5; 19:17; 21:13; 22:16; 28:27; 29:7

###### ii. LAZARUS' PHYSICAL CONDITION

###### b. In H\_\_\_\_\_ (v. 23-25, 27-28)

###### i. SEND LAZARUS TO COOL MY TONGUE (v. 23-25)

###### ii. SEND LAZARUS TO MY FAMILY (v. 27-28)

##### 2. REVEALED IN THE D\_\_\_\_\_ OF ABRAHAM (v. 25-26; 29-31)

#### B. The Existence of Hades

##### 1. THE D\_\_\_\_\_ OF "HADES"

2. THE D\_\_\_\_\_ OF "HADES" (cf. *Daniel 12:2*)

a. P\_\_\_\_\_

- \* It is \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 23)
- \* It is \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 23)
- \* It is \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 23; cf. Matt 8:12; 22:13; 24:51; 25:30; Luke 13:28)
- \* It is \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 24; Revelation 19:20; 20:10; Mark 9:42-48)
- \* It is \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 25; Revelation 20:12-15)
- \* It is \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 26)
- \* It is \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 26)

b. P\_\_\_\_\_

i. THE TALMUDIC REFERENCE

ii. THE BIBLICAL TEACHING

- \* cf. Luke 23:43; 2 Corinthians 5:8; Philippians 1:23; Revelation 20:15

## INTROSPECTION

- \* Which side of Hades do you expect to be in? What is the basis of your opinion?
- \* Have you committed your life to Christ, or are you trusting in your own goodness?
- \* How do you treat the poor and downcast in our society? What are your thoughts concerning them?
- \* How do you treat God's Word? Do you spend time in it, in order to learn from it and apply it's truths to your life?
- \* Is there a need to change the way you think and therefore the way you act?

## INTERACTION ... Thoughts & Questions to ponder for later discussion

- \* What place should sharing the truth of perdition - "the place of torment" have in our evangelism?