

D. It is a place of spiritual torment.

“And besides all this, between us and you there is a great gulf fixed, so that those who want to pass from here to you cannot, nor can those from there pass to us.” Luke 16:26

People in hell experience separation from God.

“These shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of His power,” II Thessalonians 1:9

“Then He will also say to those on the left hand, ‘Depart from Me, you cursed, into the everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels.’” Matthew 25:41

“Then the beast was captured, and with him the false prophet who worked signs in his presence, by which he deceived those who received the mark of the beast and those who worshiped his image. These two were cast alive into the lake of fire burning with brimstone.” Revelation 19:20

III. HEAR THE CRY FROM HELL

*“27 ‘Then he said, ‘I beg you therefore, father, that you would send him to my father’s house,
28 for I have five brothers, that he may testify to them, lest they also come to this place of torment.’ “* Luke 16:27-28

“For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.” John 3:16

Tell People About Hell And Salvation

JESUS’ STORIES

The Story Of The Rich Man & Lazarus

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INTRODUCTION

A. Jesus was a master story teller. The stories He told were called “Parables.” A parable is an earthly story with a heavenly meaning. Jesus explained why he told these stories,

“And the disciples came and said to Him, ‘Why do You speak to them in parables? He answered and said to them, Because it has been given to you to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it has not been given’”.

Matthew 13:10-11

He used common subjects and every day experiences to reveal deep truths about God, His kingdom and ourselves.

B. There are approximately forty parables in Matthew, Mark and Luke that Jesus taught. This teaching series will focus on eight of these parables that reveal valuable lessons for building your story today. The messages include:

Feb 20 The Story Of The Wise & Foolish Builders

Feb 27 The Story Of The Sower, Seed & Soils

Mar 6 The Story Of The Good Samaritan

Mar 13 The Stories Of The Hidden Treasure & The Pearl Of Great Price

Mar 20 The Story Of The Talents

Mar 27 The Story Of The Prodigal Son

TODAY The Story Of The Rich Man & Lazarus

Apr 10 The Story Of The Great Feast

Come and hear these messages learn valuable lessons for building your story today.

C. **TEXT:** Luke 16:19-31

The Actors:

- The Rich Man represents those who go to hell.
- Lazarus, the Poor Man, represents those who go to heaven.

The Lesson: Tell people about hell and salvation.

HOW TO TELL PEOPLE ABOUT HELL AND SALVATION

I. KNOW THE CERTAINTY OF HELL

Hell Is A Real Place Of Eternal Punishment For All Unbelievers

“19 “There was a certain rich man who was clothed in purple and fine linen and fared sumptuously every day.

20 But there was a certain beggar named Lazarus, full of sores, who was laid at his gate,

21 desiring to be fed with the crumbs which fell from the rich man’s table. Moreover the dogs came and licked his sores.

22 So it was that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels to Abraham’s bosom. The rich man also died and was buried.

23 And being in torments in Hades, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom.”

Luke 16:19-23

“The wicked shall be turned into hell, And all the nations that forget God.”

Psalm 9:17

II. UNDERSTAND THE CHARACTERISTICS OF HELL

Hell is a place of torment (16:23, 24, 25, 28).

A. It is a place of physical torment.

“Then he cried and said, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus that he may dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame.’”

Luke 16:24

People in hell experience unquenchable thirst (v24a) and vicious fire (v 24b).

“and will cast them into the furnace of fire....”

Matthew 13:42a

“And the smoke of their torment ascends forever and ever; and they have no rest day or night, who worship the beast and his image, and whoever receives the mark of his name.”

Revelation 14:11

B. It is a place of mental torment.

“But Abraham said, ‘Son, remember that in your lifetime you received your good things, and likewise Lazarus evil things; ...”

Luke 16:25a

People in hell experience memory. One thing they will remember forever are lost opportunities they had to be saved.

“Then Agrippa said to Paul, “You almost persuade me to become a Christian.”

Acts 26:28

C. It is a place of emotional torment.

“...but now he is comforted and you are tormented.”

Luke 16:25b

People in hell experience “weeping and gnashing of teeth”.

“But the sons of the kingdom will be cast out into outer darkness. There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.”

Matthew 8:12

“Then the king said to the servants, ‘Bind him hand and foot, take him away, and cast him into outer darkness; there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’”

Matthew 22:13

“and will cut him in two and appoint him his portion with the hypocrites. There shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.”

Matthew 24:51

“And cast the unprofitable servant into the outer darkness. There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.”

Matthew 25:30

“There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth, when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God, and yourselves thrust out.”

Luke 13:28