

I Am Jesus: A Peek Behind The Curtain Luke 16:19-31

When Jesus teaches using parables, the

\_\_\_\_\_ are all real things that exist (e.g. fields, men, wheat, tares).

Jesus is describing how the \_\_\_\_\_ worked

\_\_\_\_\_ His death and resurrection.

VV.22-23: Hades is the dimension of \_\_\_\_\_.

"Sheol" in Hebrew

Hades was divided into 2 sections – a place of

\_\_\_\_\_ ("the Bosom of Abraham") and a

place of \_\_\_\_\_.

The Bosom of Abraham is also called "paradise" (Cf. Luke 23:43)

Those who lived before Jesus' death and those who lived after Jesus' death are saved the same way –

**Personal Study:** Saul and the medium in 1 Samuel 28; Jesus not being immediately recognizable post-resurrection but Moses and Elijah being immediately recognized by the disciples (they weren't in their fully-redeemed bodies yet?)

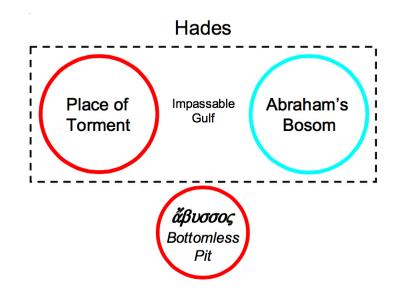
V.24: The rich man's torment is \_\_\_\_\_\_.

And being in torments in Hades... - V.23

V.26: Death renders your eternal destination

**Personal Study:** Is the "great gulf" of V.26 the abyss (abussos) / bottomless pit? Cf. Genesis 6:1-2 & 4, 2 Peter 2:4, Jude 6, 1 Peter 3:18-20, Revelation 9:1-2 & 11 // Luke 8:31 // Revelation 11:7 // Revelation 20:1 & 3

## The Underworld



All these people died still believing what God had promised them. They did not receive what was promised, but they saw it all from a distance and welcomed it. They agreed that they were foreigners and nomads here on earth. – Hebrews 11:13



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V.30: The rich man knows what his brothers would need

to do in order to be saved – "

VV.27-31: in Hades is to the earth.

Those in the place of torment await \_\_\_\_\_ at the Great White Throne Judgment.

See Revelation 20:11-15, where Hades itself will be cast into the "lake of fire" / hell / Gehenna (in Hebrew)

Those in the Bosom of Abraham awaited salvation.

For Christ also suffered once for sins, the just for the unjust, that He might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive by the Spirit, by whom also He went and preached to the spirits in prison, who formerly were disobedient, when once the Divine lonasuffering waited in the days of Nogh, while the ark was being prepared, in which a few, that is, eight souls, were saved through water. - 1 Peter 3:18-20

..."When He ascended on high, He led captivity captive, and gave gifts to men." (Now this, "He ascended" - what does it mean but that He also first descended into the lower parts of the earth? -Ephesians 4:6

"...He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to those who are bound..." - Isaiah 61:1

And standing in the middle of the lampstands was someone like the Son of Man. He was wearing a long robe with a gold sash across his chest. His head and his hair were white like wool, as white as snow. And his eyes were like flames of fire. His feet were like polished bronze refined in a furnace, and his voice thundered like mighty ocean waves. He held seven stars in his right hand, and a sharp two-edged sword came from his mouth. And his face was like the sun in all its brilliance. When I saw him, I fell at his feet as if I were dead. But he laid his right hand on me and said, "Don't be afraid! I am the First and the Last. I am the living one. I died, but look - I am alive forever and ever! And I hold the keys of death and the grave." - Revelation 1:13-18

... the graves were opened; and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised; and coming out of the graves after His resurrection, they went into the holy city and appeared to many. - Matthew 27:52-53

We are confident, yes, well pleased rather to be absent from the body and to be present with the Lord. - 2 Corinthians 5:8

Now a great many of the Jews knew that He was there; and they came, not for Jesus' sake only, but that they might also see Lazarus, whom He had raised from the dead. But the chief priests plotted to put Lazarus to death also, because on account of him many of the Jews went away and believed in Jesus. - John 12:9-11

Then, when our dying bodies have been transformed into bodies that will never die, this Scripture will be fulfilled:

"Death is swallowed up in victory. O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your stina?"

For sin is the sting that results in death, and the law gives sin its power. But thank God! He gives us victory over sin and death through our Lord Jesus Christ. So, my dear brothers and sisters, be strong and immovable. Always work enthusiastically for the Lord, for you know that nothing you do for the Lord is ever useless.

- 1 Corinthians 15:54-58