

# Scripture

## Luke 16:19-31 (NLT)

### Parable of the Rich Man and Lazarus

**19** Jesus said, “There was a certain rich man who was splendidly clothed in purple and fine linen and who lived each day in luxury. **20** At his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus who was covered with sores. **21** As Lazarus lay there longing for scraps from the rich man’s table, the dogs would come and lick his open sores.

**22** “Finally, the poor man died and was carried by the angels to sit beside Abraham at the heavenly banquet. The rich man also died and was buried, **23** and he went to the place of the dead. There, in torment, he saw Abraham in the far distance with Lazarus at his side.

**24** “The rich man shouted, *‘Father Abraham, have some pity! Send Lazarus over here to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue. I am in anguish in these flames.’*

**25** “**But Abraham said to him**, ‘Son, remember that during your lifetime you had everything you wanted, and Lazarus had nothing. So now he is here being comforted, and you are in anguish. **26** And besides, there is a great chasm separating us. No one can cross over to you from here, and no one can cross over to us from there.’

**27** “**Then the rich man said**, ‘Please, Father Abraham, at least send him to my father’s home. **28** For I have five brothers, and I want him to warn them so they don’t end up in this place of torment.’

- 29 “**But Abraham said**, ‘*Moses and the prophets have warned them. Your brothers can read what they wrote.*’
- 30 “**The rich man replied**, ‘*No, Father Abraham! But if someone is sent to them from the dead, then they will repent of their sins and turn to God.*’
- 31 “**But Abraham said**, ‘*If they won’t listen to Moses and the prophets, they won’t be persuaded even if someone rises from the dead.*’”