

**Parables of Jesus – The Rich Man and Lazarus**  
**AM Service Luke 16:19-31 Sept. 18, 2016**

**Introduction**

**The Big Idea of Luke 15 - Jesus has come to find and rescue those who are lost.**

**The Scribes and Pharisees have a complaint.**

**The Parable of the Lost Sheep**

**The Parable of the Lost Coin**

**The Parable of the Lost Sons**

**Parable of the Unjust Steward**

**Big Idea - Let God be your treasure always.**

**Parable of Lazarus and the Rich Man**

**The Big Idea - In the hereafter, the roles the rich man and beggar play in this life mean nothing.**

**The Pharisees are listening.**

**God knows your hearts.**

1. You justify yourselves.
2. You are trying to force your way into the Kingdom.
3. Yet you don't live according to the Law.
4. You are not part of the Kingdom.

**The Rich Man and Lazarus**

**1. The Characters**

- a. The Rich Man
- b. Lazarus

c. The Contrast

**2. They both die.**

“Hadēs”

“Abraham’s bosom”

**3. The rich man cries to Father Abraham.**

“I am tormented.”

**4. The rich man pleads with Father Abraham.**

“send him to my father’s house”

“neither will they be persuaded”

**5. The Symbolism**

**What have we learned, and what should we do?**

- 1. Human tendency is to covet wealth.**
- 2. Human tendency is to be unwilling to pay the price to follow the Lord.**

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“The safest road to hell is the gradual one – the gentle slope, soft underfoot, without sudden turnings, without milestones, without signposts.” C. S. Lewis  
“*For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?*” (Mark 8:36)

What is your answer?