

Review of Lazarus and Richman Parable
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One of the saddest stories I ever heard in my life was the Jesus Christ parable “Lazarus and the Richman” !

The story of Lazarus and the Rich Man is the story of a rich person who died and is being tormented in hell.

Lazarus was a poor man who spent his life on earth as a beggar, living his entire life in want.

The Rich Man is a wealthy person who spent his life on earth having more material goods than he could ever use.

The rich man who is now dead being tormented in hell.

Lazarus is now dead and in heaven with Jesus Christ.

The rich man ask Lazarus to stick his hand in some water and place it on his tongue so he can relieve the thirst that is making his life so miserable.

Jesus tells the rich man that when Lazarus was alive on earth, he begged at your doorsteps for the crumbs off your table and you showed him no mercy;

Lazarus can show you no mercy now.

Then the Richman ask Jesus if he could return to earth to warn his family members of the danger of their ways.

Jesus told the Richman many prophets of the past warned the people of their ways and no one listened to them, they will not listen to you either.

What makes this story so sad is the second request of the Richman.

The Richman request tells me he was not a completely evil or selfish person because his second request was to try to help his family.

The second request tells me his love for family was so great that the thought of them being tormented like him gave him another sort of torment and agony.

The story of Lazarus and the Richman make me think Rich Man was like most people of today, someone who had a deep and intense love for family members.

While the well off of then and now shares their wealth with family, friends and churches,
the parable makes me think that is not enough.

All of I know is I have great respect for a man who takes care of his family.

The parable fills my heart with sadness because I watching a man who cared for his family suffer.

The parable fills my heart with confusion because a man did the best he could for his family, but still destined to spend eternity in Hell.

Who should we help ?

Who should we give too ?

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