The Rich man and Lazarus

#  Luke 16:19-31

Intro: Ezekiel in his condemnation of the elders back in Jerusalem points out that Noah, Daniel and Job were and are righteous men. All were wealthy.

**This parable does not condemn the rich or add spiritual value to being poor.**

This is the only parable which contains a conversation between people who have passed on.

Let us review what a parable is as pointed out by Dr. Fruchtenbaum’s lecture.

**The rich man:** No indication of him abusing people or having obtained his wealth through harming others. He was just exceptionally wealthy. He could have a banquet every day. Just self-centered.

**The poor man:** This is the only time a person is named in a parable. He is poverty stricken and diseased and hoped some of the scraps of food thrown out of the rich man’s house would feed him.

**They both die:** As will all of us unless the Lord comes first.

**In hades:** The rich man is conscious, suffering, capable of remembering the past. The poor man is in Abraham’s bosom. A Jewish story told by Luke.

“It is appointed unto man once to die and after that the judgement.”

We have to distinguish between “the form of truth and the truth itself.”

The rich man is in a subtle way trying to justify his neglect of spiritual things by suggesting Lazarus go back and warn his brothers.

**They have Moses and the prophets.** Every human alive has sufficient revelation especially in the church age.