

*JESUS ANSWERS THE*

**BIG**

*QUESTIONS*



WHO'S STUFF IS IT?



**Luke 16. 13-14**

**13 “No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money.”**

**14 The Pharisees, who loved money, heard all this and were sneering at Jesus. 15 He said to them, “You are the ones who justify yourselves in the eyes of others, but God knows your hearts. What people value highly is detestable in God’s sight.**

*So Jesus tells them a little Story...*

**Luke 16:19-31**

**The Rich man and Lazarus:**

**The moral of the story is love God and your fellow man...not stuff.**

## **The Rich Man and Lazarus**

<sup>19</sup> “There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and lived in luxury every day. <sup>20</sup> At his gate was laid a beggar named Lazarus, covered with sores <sup>21</sup> and longing to eat what fell from the rich man’s table. Even the dogs came and licked his sores.

<sup>22</sup> “The time came when the beggar died and the angels carried him to Abraham’s side. The rich man also died and was buried. <sup>23</sup> In Hades, where he was in torment, he looked up and saw Abraham far away, with Lazarus by his side. <sup>24</sup> So he called to him, ‘Father Abraham, have pity on me and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, because I am in agony in this fire.’

“But Abraham replied, ‘Son, remember that in your lifetime you received your good things, while Lazarus received bad things, but now he is comforted here and you are in agony. And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been set in place, so that those who want to go from here to you cannot, nor can anyone cross over from there to us.’”

“He answered, ‘Then I beg you, father, send Lazarus to my family, for I have five brothers. Let him warn them, so that they will not also come to this place of torment.’

“Abraham replied, ‘They have Moses and the Prophets; let them listen to them.’



“ ‘No, father Abraham,’ he said, ‘but if someone from the dead goes to them, they will repent.’ ”

“He said to him, ‘If they do not listen to Moses and the Prophets, they will not be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.’ ”

## What do we learn from this story?

1. We Learn about God's Love and Grace and about God's Holiness.
2. We learn about the connection between loving God and loving our fellow man.
3. We learn about the **disaster of loving stuff** which is only temporal and ignoring the needs of others.

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**This teaches us that the present is full of opportunities to love God and others and that we can make a difference.**