

Luke 16:19-31

Historical event? Parable? Myth?

First two choices show
consciousness after death -
“**agony**” (**v24**) or “**comfort**” (**v25**)

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Q1 Parable?

“parables” Mt 13:3,24,31,33,44,45,47

Etymology: Greek, *parabolē* (παβολή), a placing beside, from *para* (παρά), beside + *ballein* (βαλλειν), to throw, thus to throw down beside.

- Common events taken from everyday life
- Events from every day life “thrown down beside” a spiritual truth
- Actual names of people NOT used

Note: *parabolē* also used of “type” (Heb 11:19) & “proverb” (Lk 4:23) not applicable here

Luke 10:25-37

Lk 16 “parable”? “finger” “tongue” “chasm”

Every aspect of the comparison should not be forced into a lesson.

- Jerusalem to Jericho = apostasy
- Robbers = Devil
- Wounds = ruin of sin
- Samaritan = Christ
- Oil = Holy Spirit
- Donkey (“beast”) = fellow who concocted this interpretation

Point: v29...37 - Who is my “neighbor”?

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Choices ...

- **Historical event** – Describes an actual event with real people
- **Parable** – a story about real, common, everyday events **Q2**
- **Fictitious and impossible** – Jesus meant to say nothing about the state of man after death - misleading?

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Q3 Fable? Myth?

“Parables” contrasted with “Fables”

parables – *events common to everyday life*

fables – IMpossible events e.g., trees talking, etc., e.g. **Jdg 9:7-15**

Why some suggest “Fable” “Myth”?
— *deny* consciousness after death

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Q3 Myth? Fable?

“Hades” > Greek mythology?

“Hades” = “Sheol” (OT)

“Sheol” Gn 37:35

“Hades” (Gk m.)

BC1800/1500 ←————— BC900/800
Homer

OT usage predates Greek myth 600-900 yrs!

BEWARE lexicons & commentaries!

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Q3 Myth? Fable?

“Hades” - Greek mythology?

Mutual usage of a word ≠ equal concepts

- Sunday, Monday, etc. - believer in pagan gods?!
- Atheist - “atonement” - believer in Christ?!
- 2Pt 2:4 *tartaroO* “hell” - Gk myth - *fable?*
- World wide flood - pagan lit. - *fable?*
- “Abraham” - myth accounts - *fable?*
- Every time Mt 11:23; 16:18; Rev 1:18 - *fable?!*

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Q4 Time frame of this scene *between death and the resurrection*

- Their bodies are still in the grave.
- The rich man's brothers are still on earth.
- Men on earth still have the opportunity to listen to Moses and the prophets to avert the judgment the rich man is suffering.

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Q5 Rationality & personality after death

- awareness (of torment, brothers on earth)
- rationality (“so that” v26 ... “then” v27 ...
No, father Abraham, but if...” v30)
- memory (“Child, remember...” v25)
- personality (identities retained—
rich man, Lazarus, Abraham, brothers)
after death.