

BIBLE READINGS - September 25, 2022

New Revised Standard Version

Luke 16:19-31

The Rich Man and Lazarus

¹⁹ There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. ²⁰ And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, ²¹ who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man's table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores.

²² The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham.

The rich man also died and was buried. ²³ In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. ²⁴ He called out, "Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames."

²⁵ But Abraham said, "Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. ²⁶ Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us."

²⁷ He said, "Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father's house— ²⁸ for I have five brothers—that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment."

²⁹ Abraham replied, "They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them."

³⁰ He said, "No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent."

³¹ He said to him, "If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead."