

“Through the Looking Glass” The Kingdom of Heaven as seen through the parables of Jesus
“For now we see through a glass...” - I Cor. 13:12

“ZONKED!”

The Rich Man & Lazarus: Luke 16:19-31

¹⁹ There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and lived in luxury every day. ²⁰ At his gate was laid a beggar named Lazarus, covered with sores ²¹ and longing to eat what fell from the rich man’s table. Even the dogs came and licked his sores. ²² The time came when the beggar died and the angels carried him to Abraham’s side. The rich man also died and was buried. ²³ In Hades, where he was in torment, he looked up and saw Abraham far away, with Lazarus by his side. ²⁴ 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.” ²⁵ 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. ²⁶ 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.” ²⁷ He answered, “Then I beg you, father, send Lazarus to my family, ²⁸ for I have five brothers. Let him warn them, so that they will not also come to this place of torment.” ²⁹ Abraham replied, “They have Moses and the Prophets; let them listen to them.” ³⁰ “No, father Abraham,” he said, “but if someone from the dead goes to them, they will repent.” ³¹ 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.”

THIS IS “ _____ !”

²² The time came (death)...

²⁶ “...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.”

DO I CHOOSE DOOR #1?

LIVING FOR MY “ _____ ” CIRCUMSTANCES.

²⁵ “Son, remember that in your lifetime you received...”

OR DO I CHOOSE DOOR #2?

LIVING FOR “ _____ ” CIRCUMSTANCES.

²⁵ “...but now...”

WHAT I _____ IS WHAT I _____.

²⁷ “...my family...”

I CAN _____ THE “DOORS.”

²⁹ “They have Moses and the Prophets; let them listen to them.”

³¹ “If they do not listen to Moses and the Prophets, they will not be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.”

I DON’T WANT TO GET “ZONKED!”

²⁵ “...but now he is comforted here and you are in agony.”

“Whoever has ears, let them hear.” – Matthew 11:15