

How modern versions destroy Luke 16:19-31

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The Lord Jesus speaks truth

“Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock”. (Matthew 7:24)

“Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life”. (John 14:6a)

See also John 6:63; 8:31,32 & 17:17. All of Christ's stories are **TRUE**.

Christ rebuked those in unbelief

Christ rebuked those who did not **BELIEVE** what He said. “Then saith he to Thomas, reach hither thy finger, and behold my hands; and reach hither thy hand, and thrust it into my side: and be not faithless, but believing”. (John 20:27)



Luke 16:19-31 to be taken as truth

Some think that Jesus did not speak of a literal Hell, so they have to explain away Luke 16:19-31. However:

“There was a certain rich man ... And there was a certain beggar named Lazarus ... the rich man also died, and was buried; And in hell he lift up his eyes, being in torments”. (Luke 16:19a, 20a, 22b, 23a)

Is the doctrine of Hell important?

“What has the man of sin always said? Why, exactly what Russellism* says. What? No hell. The devil has always said that. What does Christian Science* say? No hell, no devil. They are ready for him. The devil has always said no hell, no evil.”

(Smith Wigglesworth, *Preparation for the Second Coming*, August 11, 1927)

* Cults that deny fundamental Christian doctrines, such as Hell, the deity of Christ, the Trinity etc.



Modern 'bible' version destruction

Modern versions destroy Luke 16:19-31 by:

1. Casting doubt on Christ's truthfulness.
2. Using the mythological word 'Hades'.
3. Undermining the doctrine of Hell.
4. Undermining an understanding of Paradise.
5. Undermining the doctrine of the resurrection.

The certainty of the passage about Hell

“And he said also unto his disciples, There was* a certain^γ rich man, which had a steward ... There was* a certain^γ rich man, which was clothed in purple and fine linen ...” (Luke 16:1a, 19a, King James Bible)

* **Historical fact.**

^γ **A particular person.**

The certainty of the passage about Hell

“... There was a rich man who had a manager. ... Once there was a rich man.

...” (Luke 16:1a, 19a, New International Readers Version)

Many modern versions leave out the word ‘certain’ and use the additional word ‘once’, just like a fable would.



Christ's descent into Hell for us

“Whom God hath raised up, having loosed the pains of death: because it was not possible that he should be holden of it. ... He seeing this before spake of the resurrection of Christ, that his soul was not left in hell, neither his flesh did see corruption.”

(Acts 2:24, 31)

“The sorrows of death compassed me, and the pains of hell gat hold upon me: I found trouble and sorrow.” (Psalm 116:3)

Christ's visit to Paradise

At the time of the crucifixion, Paradise (where Abraham's bosom was located) was down in the middle of the Earth where Hell was also located.

“And Jesus said unto him, Verily I say unto thee, To day* shalt thou be with me in paradise.” (Luke 23:43)

* On the first day of Christ's death, He had descended – “he also descended first into the lower parts of the earth” (Ephesians 4:9b)

Paradise now located upwards

At the time of Paul the apostle, Paradise was located up.

“How that he was caught up into paradise” (2 Corinthians 12:4a)

When Christ rose from the dead, He transferred Paradise into Heaven (upwards) and all the righteous dead at the time.

“Wherefore he saith, When he ascended up on high, he led captivity captive, and gave gifts unto men.” (Ephesians 4:8)

Hell or Hades?

“And in hell he lift up his eyes, being in torments, and seeth Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom.” (Luke 16:23, KJB)

“In Hades, where he was in torment, he looked up and saw Abraham far away, with Lazarus by his side.” (Luke 16:23, NIV)

Greek mythology exalted

“Hades in the ancient Greek religion and myth, is the god of the dead and the king of the underworld, with which his name became synonymous.”

(Cartwright, Mark, "Hades", Ancient History Encyclopedia)



How do Modernists undermine the doctrine of Hell?

The word "hell" occurs 31 times in the Old Testament in the King James Bible. In the Old Testament of the NIV it occurs - ZERO!

In the New Testament the NIV takes out "hell" 9 times.



References

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