



WHAT HAPPENS AFTER DEATH?

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I don't know if you're like me but for a long time I wondered **Slide 2** if hell really existed. When I was in school, we sometimes talked about it with boys and girls. There were some who said **Slide 3** existed and others that it was a made-up story. In any case, me, I was scared, but since I know **Slide 4** the parable of Lazarus and the rich man, I no longer ask myself the question, I am rather reassured. Jesus reveals to us what happens when people die. I suggest you listen now to Michel and Françoise who will tell us t parable that you will find in **Slide 5** the Gospel of Luke in chapter 16.

And here is the question of the day: **Slide 6** What comes after death?

Slide 7 LAZARE AND THE RICH MAN

Slide 8 There was a rich man, always dressed in precious clothes who lived in a sumptuous House. He had many friends around him and servants in his service.

He could buy anything he wanted, but he didn't care **Slide 9** about God or others. He lived only for himself and for his pleasure.

Slide 10 Every day, he organized great meals and wonderful parties where they had a lot of fu He lived in luxury and rejected **Slide 11** the thought of death. Maybe he thought he was eternal?

Slide 12 Right next to him lived **Slide 13** a beggar dressed in rags, his body covered with ulcers, purulent wounds. **Slide 14** It 'was Lazarus. Have you ever heard that name? It means **Slide 15** "God has helped". Lazarus was alone, without a friend, no one to look after him. **Slide 16** The dogs who came to lick his wounds were his only companions. Every day

Slide 17 the poor man was laying in front the portal of the rich man's house. A lot of food was thrown away in this house and he would have liked to pick up some **Slide 18** to calm his hunger with the leftovers of the rich man's meals, **Slide 19** at least the little bits falling from his table, but no one gave him any.

However, there was one thing that comforted him and gave him the courage to live.

Slide 20 Do you know what that was? He was convinced that even **Slide 21** if no one cared for him, **Slide 22** God would not abandon him. He loved God and trusted Him.

Slide 23 One day **Slide 24** he died. No one cried, no one talked about it and we don't know what became of his body, but we know that **Slide 25** God sent angels to get his soul and take it **Slide 26** to paradise.

Slide 27 The rich man also died. He left his beautiful house, his luxurious clothes and the great parties; It was all over for him. His body was placed in a beautifully decorated tomb, he was given a beautiful funeral, all of his rich friends, and all of his neighbors were present.

Slide 28 But what about his soul...? What happened to it? It went **Slide 29** to hell and there it suffered cruelly. **Slide 30** He looked up and saw very far away, **Slide 31** in a place of rest, of peace, **Slide 32** Abraham, the prophets and all those who had loved God during their life on earth and next to them he saw Lazarus.

Then the rich man exclaimed:

- Abraham, have mercy on me! **Slide 33** So send Lazarus to dip his fingertip in the water and cool my tongue, because I'm in terrible pain here.

Slide 34 But Abraham answered him:

Slide 35 - Remember, during your life, you were very rich, you had so many good things, you had your share of happiness while Lazarus, who was in misery, was deprived of everything now, **Slide 36** here, he is consoled while you, you suffer in torments.

Slide 37 It is impossible for him to go towards you, between you and us, there is a great abyss and even if we wanted to, we couldn't move from one place to another.

Slide 38 The rich man then thought of his five brothers who still lived on the earth. He knew they no longer **Slide 39** cared about God, they went on with their lives as if he did not exist.

Slide 40 He said to Abraham:

- In that case, please, Abraham, **Slide 41** at least send Lazarus to warn my brothers so that he tells them what's going on, so they don't come here to this place of torment. I Wouldn't want them to endure this horrible suffering too.

Slide 42 It's useless! They have the Word of God, **Slide 43** they know the 10 commandments, they know what **Slide 44** Moses and the prophets said. Let them obey the Word of God!

Slide 45 The rich man remembered that he too, on earth, had known the Word of God, but had neglected it.

So he insisted:

- No, **Slide 46** Father Abraham, I am sure that if some dead man goes to them and tells them everything that happens after death, they will repent, they will ask forgiveness from God for their faults and will change their lives.

Slide 47 - No, it's unnecessary. If they don't believe what God says, they won't let themselves convince by a dead person who would come back to life!

Slide 48 1, 2 3, 4 AND YOU AND ME!

*In this story, Jesus clearly tells us what happens after death. There is in Hell, **Slide 49** a place of torment, of suffering, and there is also **Slide 50** a place of rest and joy, Paradise.*

*So **Slide 51** what do you think makes some people go to Heaven and others not? Is it the fact of being **Slide 52** poor or rich? **Slide 53** No, of course, rich or poor is the same. This depends **Slide 54** on the choice we make, **Slide 55** either we live without caring for God, as if it did not exist, **Slide 56** or we decide to spend our lives live loving Him, applying ourselves to do what is pleasant to Him. God leaves us free to choose but He warns us of the consequences. **Slide 57** For my part, I made the choice to love God and I am happy and at peace thinking about those who await me when my life ends on earth. **Slide 58** I encourage you to make the right choice, to love God wholeheartedly.*

Slide 59 4, 3, 2, 1 AND WE PARENTS!

*Jesus places us very clearly before our responsibility; that's our attitude towards. God here on earth that determines our future for all eternity. There is no second chance. **Slide 60** He came to open heaven for us, he paid the price by dying on the cross, it's up to us **Slide 61** to accept or not this salvation that he offers us. It's the same for our children, let's continue to teach them the truths of the gospel encourage them and persevere in prayer so that their hearts may open to the grace of God under the action of the Holy Spirit.*

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