

# BURIED OR CARRIED

Luke 16:19-31

When Jesus saves us, He changes us. We see people differently, money loses its hold, and God's Word comes alive. If our lives don't demonstrate this faithfulness, we need to ask: Do I truly know God, or do I just know about Him? And that matters, because the ramifications are eternal.

Scene 1: Pay Now (vv. 19-21)

**Faithfulness today matters.**

Scene 2: Pay Later (vv. 22-26)

**Faithfulness today matters... in eternity.**

Scene 3: Pay Attention (vv. 27-31)

**Who we listen to today matters... in eternity.**

# FURTHER UP, FURTHER IN

1. Why does Jesus emphasize the Rich Man walking past Lazarus daily? What does this repetition tell us about the danger of spiritual numbness?  
[See Luke 16:10, 15, 19-21; 1 John 3:17-18; James 2:14-17; Hebrews 3:13]
2. How does this parable reverse our assumptions about who is "blessed" and who is not?  
[See Luke 1:52-53, 6:20-26; Matthew 5:3-12]
3. Why does Abraham insist that the Rich Man's brothers have "Moses and the Prophets," and that this is enough? What does this say about the sufficiency and authority of Scripture?  
[See Luke 24:25-27; John 5:39-47]
4. How has following Christ changed the way you see the overlooked, the needy, or the spiritually lost? Where might He be calling you to see more clearly?
5. Jesus ends with an urgent call to listen. Go around the room to answer: What is one specific way you can intentionally listen to God's Word this week, more than you listen to comfort, distraction, or self?  
[See Col 3:12-17]



"I have come home at last! This is my real country! I belong here. This is the land I have been looking for all my life, though I never knew it till now... Come further up, come further in!" — C.S. Lewis, The Last Battle