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I will worship toward Your holy temple, And praise Your name For Your loving kindness and Your truth; For You have magnified Your word above all Your name. (Psalm 138 : 2)

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What happens at death?

Many people in the so-called religious world are confused about what happens at death. You can blame popular books like “90 Minutes in Heaven,” and “Heaven Is for Real.” You can even blame Hollywood.

However, I blame scriptural ignorance. The Bible is very clear what happens at death. The Bible is very clear that the only people that have ever come back from the dead God caused it to happen. More than 99.9999% of everyone that has died—remained dead.

So, what happens at death? Where does the soul go? What about the body? Even those in the Church are confused. And among our Brethren there are many differing opinions. This morning, let’s answer the question.

First thing we need to understand, when we die we do not go to Heaven. Nor do we go to Hell, or any place in between. We go to a place prepared for the soul to wait until the day of Jesus’ return. Secondly, when we die we are like Rover, dead all over.

Jesus explains all of this in the story of Lazarus and the Rich Man as found in Luke 16. This is where we will begin and end this morning. This is where we find the answers to the mystery of death. The mystery of the “after life” and the answer to our question, “What happens at death?”

What happens at death?

Luke 16 : 19—31

- * Did you pass judgement (19-21)

At first we don’t know much about them...

The Rich Man what if he is like Cornelius?

Lazarus, what if he is like the prodigal son?

- * Where do we find them?

Hades

Lazarus—Abraham’s bosom Rich Man—Torments

- * Why is it people wonder?

Even Jesus went to the Hadean Realm

Ephesians 4 : 9

- * What is the Rich Man’s concern?

His family -> so he asks for a miracle.

- * So what about all those people...?

First—We do not go to heaven or hell when we die.

Secondly—We do not come back.

Thirdly—There is not message from ‘beyond’

- * What are you waiting for?

A miracle? Family approval?

Then you missed the point.