

Jesus Rises Again to form the Resurrection of Life in the Divine Will
Gospel Reading for March 16, 2017
With Divine Will Truths
Luke 16: 19-31 –

Jesus said to the Pharisees: "There was a rich man who used to dress in purple and fine linen and feast magnificently every day. And at his gate there lay a poor man called Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to fill himself with the scraps that fell from the rich man's table. Dogs even came and licked his sores. Now the poor man died and was carried away by the angels to the bosom of Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried.

"In his torment in Hades he looked up and saw Abraham a long way off with Lazarus in his bosom. So he cried out, "Father Abraham, pity me and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in agony in these flames." "My son," Abraham replied "remember that during your life good things came your way, just as bad things came the way of Lazarus. Now he is being comforted here while you are in agony. But that is not all: between us and you a great gulf has been fixed, to stop anyone, if he wanted to, crossing from our side to yours, and to stop any crossing from your side to ours."

"The rich man replied, "Father, I beg you then to send Lazarus to my father's house, since I have five brothers, to give them warning so that they do not come to this place of torment too."

"They have Moses and the prophets," said Abraham "let them listen to them." "Ah no, father Abraham," said the rich man "but if someone comes to them from the dead, they will repent." Then Abraham said to him, "If they will not listen either to Moses or to the prophets, they will not be convinced even if someone should rise from the dead."

(CCC)

**Article 5 HE DESCENDED INTO HELL; ON THE THIRD DAY HE ROSE AGAIN
FROM THE DEAD**

Paragraph 1. Christ Descended into Hell

632 *The frequent New Testament affirmations that Jesus was "raised from the dead" presuppose that the crucified one sojourned in the realm of the dead prior to his resurrection.⁴⁷⁸ This was the first meaning given in the apostolic preaching to Christ's descent into hell: that Jesus, like all men, experienced death*

*and in his soul joined the others in the realm of the dead. But he descended there as Savior, proclaiming the Good News to the spirits imprisoned there.*⁴⁷⁹

633 *Scripture calls the abode of the dead, to which the dead Christ went down, “hell”—Sheol in Hebrew or Hades in Greek— because those who are there are deprived of the vision of God.*⁴⁸⁰ *Such is the case for all the dead, whether evil or righteous, while they await the redeemer: which does not mean that their lot is identical, as Jesus shows through the parable of the poor man Lazarus who was received into “Abraham’s bosom”:*⁴⁸¹ *“It is precisely these holy souls, who awaited their Savior in Abraham’s bosom, whom Christ the Lord delivered when he descended into hell.”*⁴⁸² *Jesus did not descend into hell to deliver the damned, nor to destroy the hell of damnation, but to free the just who had gone before him.*⁴⁸³

From the Book of Heaven

V24 - Apr. 12, 1928 - *“And just as My Death was Necessary, so was My Resurrection Necessary to My Love, because by doing his will, man lost the Life of My Will, and I Wanted to Rise again to form not only the Resurrection of the body, but the Resurrection of the Life of My Will in it. Had I not Risen again, the creature could not have Risen once again in My Fiat; she would have lacked the virtue—the bond of her Resurrection in Mine, and therefore My Love would have felt incomplete. It would have felt it could do more but was not doing it, and so I would have remained with the hard martyrdom of a Love that is not complete. If then ungrateful man does not make use of all I have done, the evil is all his own, but My Love Possesses and Enjoys its Full Triumph.”*

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