

**The Parable of the Man with Six Brothers** June 7, 2026

Luke 16.19-31

In the parable of the rich man and Lazarus, Jesus exposes the danger of seeing others as strangers rather than family. Through this sobering story, we are challenged to open our eyes, our hearts, and our lives to those whom God places at our gate, recognizing them as neighbors worthy of love and kinship.

*If you love those who love you, what reward will you get? Are not even the tax collectors doing that? And if you greet only your own people, what are you doing more than others? Do not even pagans do that? Matthew 5.46-47*

**Kingdom lessons from Jesus in this parable:**

1. Every person **HAS VALUE.**

*At his gate was laid a beggar **named Lazarus...** v20*

2. Acts of compassion to those who are needy and vulnerable are an essential part **IN GOD'S KINGDOM.**

*'For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.'* Matthew 25.35-36

See Matthew 25.31-46 and Luke 4.18-19

3. Jesus desires us to go further. Seek to **BUILD RELATIONSHIPS** and **COMMUNITY** with those different from you.

4. **HEED THE WORDS** of Jesus and scripture!

*'They have Moses and the Prophets; let them listen to them.'* v29

**The question Jesus places before us is this:** Who is lying at our gate, waiting to be welcomed into kinship rather than left outside looking in?

How can you practice kindness and hospitality this week?

**What is God saying to me?**

**What am I going to do about it?**

**Love God, Love Others, Learn Jesus, DO SOMETHING!**

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