

FIVE BROTHERS OF THE RICH MAN

Luke 16:19-31

*a certain Rich man: not called:
1. a Robber of other men's goods
2. a spoiler of orphans
3. a persecutor of widows*

1. Lazarus calls upon the five brothers.
 1. He stands and knocks at the door of their mansion. *4. His Crime: a Lazar lying at his*
 2. At length Lazarus enters in his grave ~~MMMM~~ shroud. *gate unattended.*
 3. His glazed eyeballs and hollow cheeks declare him a tenant of the narrow house.
 4. At last he begins to speak:

In deep, sepulchral voice, he says, "I HAVE COME FROM THE NIGHT OF THE GRAVE, and I know of death, and of hell, and of heaven, and it is all true. But let us have a look at the five brothers and they might have been:

2. THE FIVE BROTHERS:

1. The eldest might have been a PHARISEE.
Deeply religious. Note him:

1. He is a self-righteous man. Luke 18:11.
2. He fasts twice in the week. Luke 18:12
3. He gives tithes of all. Luke 18:12.
4. THIS MESSAGE COULD NOT BE FOR HIM.

2. The second brother is a Sadducee.

1. He does not believe in angel, spirit, nor resurrection. Acts 28:8.
2. He is like the sceptic of our day. When death comes it is utter annihilation. the appearance of Lazarus was simply an optical illusion.

3. The third brother is a successful business man.

- i. He is avaricious man...selling and getting gain. His rich brother did not remember him in his will...how could he now care anything about his soul?

*Matth 16:20
Mark 9:36,37*

4. The fourth brother is a fashionable man of *a set* taste and culture. THE SIGHT OF LAZARUS OFFENSIVE TO HIM.

5. The fifth brother is a delicate, pale faced youth. He swooned at the sight of Lazarus.

IF THEY HEAR NOT:

1. The ordinary means of salvation...in this instance Moses and the prophets.
2. If the ordinary means of grace fail to convert us...no extraordinary (miraculous) will.