

More Than Stories Pt 1- "Christian"

Parables are stories that are created for the purpose of making a specific point or give deeper meaning to something.

23 ...*"How hard it is for the rich to enter the kingdom of God!" Mark 10:23*

19 *"There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and lived in luxury every day. 20 At his gate was laid a beggar named Lazarus, covered with sores 21 and longing to eat what fell from the rich man's table. Even the dogs came and licked his sores. 16:19-21*

"Christian" in our culture has taken on such a generic meaning that it can actually end up meaning nothing at all.

Heaven will be granted to us on the merits of Jesus' work on a cross which comes through repentance of sin.

...have pity on me and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, because I am in agony in this fire.' Luke 16:24

'Then I beg you, father, send Lazarus to my family, 28 for I have five brothers. Let him warn them, so that they will not also come to this place of torment.' Luke 16:27-28

38 *Then some of the Pharisees and teachers of the law said to him, "Teacher, we want to see a sign from you." Matthew 12:38*

The Pharisees and Sadducees came to Jesus and tested him by asking him to show them a sign from heaven. Matthew 16:1

31 *"He said to him, 'If they do not listen to Moses and the Prophets, they will not be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.'" Luke 16:31*

Faith is not an information issue it is a heart issue.

The lack of compassion and presence of arrogance are symptoms of a lack of repentance.

Generosity is not an amount issue it is a heart issue.

A low view of God will result in an elevated view of self.

6 “Is not this the kind of fasting I have chosen: to loose the chains of injustice and untie the cords of the yoke, to set the oppressed free and break every yoke? 7 Is it not to share your food with the hungry and to provide the poor wanderer with shelter—when you see the naked, to clothe them, and not to turn away from your own flesh and blood? Isaiah 58:6-7

10 “Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much, and whoever is dishonest with very little will also be dishonest with much. Luke 16:10