

"What About DEATH?"

What about death?

Luke 16:19 NLT

Jesus said, "There was a certain rich man who was splendidly clothed in purple and fine linen and who lived each day in luxury."

Luke 16:20-21 NLT

At his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus who was covered with sores. As Lazarus lay there longing for scraps from the rich man's table, the dogs would come and lick his open sores.

Luke 16:22 NLT

Finally, the poor man died and was carried by the angels to sit beside Abraham at the heavenly banquet. The rich man also died and was buried.

What happens to me after I die?

You will be immediately awake on the other side

Luke 23:39-43 NLT

One of the criminals hanging beside him scoffed, "So you're the Messiah, are you? Prove it by saving yourself—and us, too, while you're at it!"

But the other criminal protested, "Don't you fear God even when you have been sentenced to die? We deserve to die for our crimes, but this man hasn't done anything wrong." Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your Kingdom."

And Jesus replied, "I assure you, **today** you will be with me in paradise."

No time delay, no waiting station

You will be experience gratitude or regret

Luke 16:22-24 NLT

Finally, the poor man died and was carried by the angels to sit beside Abraham at the heavenly banquet. The rich man also died and was buried, and he went to the place of the dead. There, in torment, he saw Abraham in the far distance with Lazarus at his side.

The rich man shouted, “Father Abraham, have some pity! Send Lazarus over here to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue. I am in **anguish** in these flames.”

It’s done. There’s no changing now. There’s **no going back**.

Luke 15:25-26 NLT

But Abraham said to him, “Son, remember that during your lifetime you had everything you wanted, and Lazarus had nothing. So now he is here being comforted, and you are in anguish. And besides, there is **a great chasm** separating us. No one can cross over to you from here, and no one can cross over to us from there.”

1 Corinthians 2:9 NLT

“No eye has seen, no ear has heard,
and no mind has imagined
what God has prepared
for those who love him.”

After death, will I have a body?

2 Corinthians 5:8 NLT

...to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord.

Luke 23:46 NLT

Then Jesus shouted, “Father, I entrust my spirit into your hands!” And with those words he breathed his last.

1 Thessalonians 4:14 NLT

For since we believe that Jesus died and was raised to life again, we also believe that when Jesus returns, God will bring back with him the believers who have died.

What about bodies that were cremated or destroyed in an explosion?

There will be **no more death**, no sorrow, no pain, no tears in heaven.

Revelation 21:4 KJV

“And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.”

Will I be able to recognize other people in heaven?

You will **remember** your life on earth, your loved ones and you will have concern for them.

Luke 16:27-28 NLT

Then the rich man said, “**Please**, Father Abraham, at least send him to my father’s home. For I have five brothers, and I want him to warn them so they don’t end up in this place of torment.”

If I have faith in Jesus, what should I do next?

Acts 2:37-38, 41 NLT

“Brothers, what shall we do?” Peter replied, “Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.” ... Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day.

Matthew 28:18-20 NLT

Jesus came and told his disciples, “I have been given all authority in heaven and on earth. Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age.”

Acts 8:36-38 KJV

And as they went on their way, they came unto a certain water: and the eunuch said, See, here is water; what doth hinder me to be baptized?

And Philip said, If thou believest with all thine heart, thou mayest. And he answered and said, **I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God.**

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And he commanded the chariot to stand still: and they went down both into the water, both Philip and the eunuch; and he baptized him.

“What hinders you from being baptized?”