

<p>Emmanuel Café The Café is open on Mondays, Wednesdays & Thursdays from 8.30am–1.30pm.</p>	<p>Create Station Wednesday 20th February 10am–12pm Lots of craft, snacks & drink , ball games. £1.50 per child (ages 5-11years)</p>	
<p>House Groups are important to the Church Life. Small groups are an ideal way to get to know one another on a deeper level. If you are interested in joining a group see Doreen Fraser or Charles</p>	<p>OASIS Groups Fri 15th Feb Club Night Extra See Claudia, Duncan or Amy for more info</p>	<p>Food for Thought Thurs 14th Feb Guest Speaker is Pat Whittaker Starts 2.30pm</p>
<p>Food Bank - needs are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Size 4 Nappies ◆ Baby food for infants ◆ Shaving Gel ◆ Shower Gel ◆ Deodorants ◆ Tinned Potatoes ◆ Vegetarian Meals 	<p>Turning the Tide Bereavement Café The Huddle Wed 20th Feb from 5:30pm - 7:30pm on the 1st & 3rd Wednesdays of each month. Volunteers are on hand to chat, listen, and signpost to further support. It is a relaxed space where you can read, craft, play board games or just sit. All ages welcome.</p>	

Sunday 10th February 2019

10.30am Coming together to praise, learn and encourage.

A warm welcome to you all. We would love to get to know each other better, so please introduce yourself. If you can, join us for refreshments after the service.

Children and youth groups are out to their classes from the start of the service.

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NEXT WEEK:

WOULD YOU LIKE TO JOIN A HOUSEGROUP?

Email housegroups@emmanuelbaptist.co.uk and one of our Housegroup co-ordinators will put you in touch with a group.

WOULD YOU LIKE US TO PRAY FOR YOU?

Please come and ask the service leader and they will find one of our prayer team to pray with you.

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Main Door Lynne Pellow
Inner Door David & Angie Pascoe
Easy Worship Vicki Kneebone
Teas & Coffees Hazel Evans & Kathy Payne –Chris & Wendy Tabb

Sermon Outline Notes: The Parable of the Rich Man and Lazarus Luke 16: 19-31

1) Introduction

This is a parable with a stark message—there is a condemnation of the great contrast between wealth and poverty. Reading the comments on this parable by some of the early ‘Church Fathers’ was fascinating and challenging-

- Augustine—‘to help the needy is justice’
- Ambrose—‘You are not giving the poor person the gift of a part of what is yours. You are returning to him something of what is his.
- Chrysostom- ‘Do not say I am spending what is mine. It is not actually yours it is someone else’s’
- Basil - ‘It is the hungry ones bread you keep. The needy ones money that you have saved’
- Jerome ‘All riches originally derive from injustice’.

2) The poor man Lazarus—This is the only parable in which a character is given a proper name. Lazarus is the Greek name for the Hebrew Eleazar which means ‘God is my help’.

2) The message of the parable

- Jesus begins by showing the chasm between the way the two men lived. It was a chasm that the rich man could cross if he chose to!
- It is important to note that Jesus does not condemn the rich man as an ‘unscrupulous rogue’. There is no indication of dishonesty or meanness.
- The rich man probably considered himself as kind and charitable in feeding the poor man—but he did nothing to help Lazarus’ position improve; he allowed the status quo and thereby the injustice to continue.

4) The turning point of the story comes with the death of both men. They experience a radical reversal of fortunes demonstrated by the fact they are mentioned in reverse order. The fact that Lazarus is so close to Abraham indicates that he is being honoured.

5) We must not press the details of the parable too hard, for it is a story. But the parable shows things about the afterlife. First, identity still remains—we take what we are with us when we die! Secondly, memory clearly remains. Thirdly, death fixes the fate of someone forever.

4) A plea for warning

The rich man is saying that his brothers were living under a handicap—they had not been warned sufficiently that unless they mended their ways they were hell bound. But they had had sufficient warning but had chosen to ignore what the scriptures taught.

Points to Ponder

- 1) Share first reactions to the parable. What points particularly struck you?
- 2) Luke, in his Gospel has a great deal to say about money and its use or abuse and includes several parables on this issue. What is Jesus’ major point in this parable? Who is the original audience and why does Jesus tell it?
- 3) Read carefully Isaiah 58: 6– 8
- 4) How will this parable change you? What practical response (if any) will you make?