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Part 4: What About Heaven and Hell?

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→ two very different people - **vs. 19-22**

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→ what is hell like? - **vs. 22-26**

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→ how does the existence of hell fit with the concept of a good and loving God? - **1 Tim 2:4, Ezekiel 33:11**

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1. *"Good news isn't good if it's not true."* Can you relate? Where do you see people (or yourself) tempted to believe something because it feels good rather than because it's true?
2. How do you personally grapple with the ideas of hell and judgment? How does that shape your understanding of God's justice and mercy?
3. **Read John 14:6.** Jesus says he is the only way to God. What makes that statement difficult for people to accept today?
4. **Read Luke 16:19-31.** What differences do you notice between the rich man and Lazarus? What ultimately mattered most?
How does that influence the way you think or live your life?
5. What part of the Bible's teaching on hell do you find yourself wrestling with the most? What can you learn about yourself from this?
6. The sermon said God is both **loving** and **just**. Why is it important that both of those are true?
What happens if we emphasize one and ignore the other?
7. The topic of hell can be scary for some people. Why don't you have any reason to fear hell? What difference does that truth make for you today?
8. Who is one person in your life that needs to hear the truth about Jesus? What might it look like to share that with them?

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#4 You don't need to fear hell, because Jesus already endured it for you.

Bible Reading for Today

Luke 16:19-31

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.

²² "The time came when the beggar died and the angels carried him to Abraham's side. The rich man also died and was buried. ²³ In Hades, where he was in torment, he looked up and saw Abraham far away, with Lazarus by his side. ²⁴ So he called to him, 'Father Abraham, 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.'

²⁵ "But Abraham replied, 'Son, remember that in your lifetime you received your good things, while Lazarus received bad things, but now he is comforted here and you are in agony. ²⁶ And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been set in place, so that those who want to go from here to you cannot, nor can anyone cross over from there to us.'

²⁷ "He answered, '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.'

²⁹ "Abraham replied, 'They have Moses and the Prophets; let them listen to them.'

³⁰ "'No, father Abraham,' he said, 'but if someone from the dead goes to them, they will repent.'

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.'"