

**Note:** *As Jesus draws nearer to Jerusalem and his passion and death, his interactions with the scribes and Pharisees grow more confrontative: it's between their understanding of the Mosaic Law and Jesus' understanding of the kingdom of God. We explore this confrontation in two great parables.*

### **The Dishonest Manager**

1. To whom does Jesus address the parable of the dishonest manager? (Luke 16:1)
2. What were the charges the rich man brought against his manager? (Luke 16:2)
3. Can you think why the rich man would want the unjust manager to “give an accounting of his management” if he was about to fire him? (Luke 16:2)
4. How did the dishonest manager put himself in the good graces of his master’s debtors? (Luke 16:5-7)
5. How do we know that the rich master was aware of the fact that his unfaithful manager had changed the debtors’ contracts? (Luke 16:2; 8)
6. In Luke 16:10, Jesus says: “He who is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and he who is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much.” Do you believe this statement? Why or why not?

### **The Parable of Lazarus the Beggar**

7. When Jesus accused the Pharisees of being lovers of money, they responded by ridiculing him. (Luke 16:14) How did Jesus reply to their ridicule? (Luke 16:15)
8. How does Jesus contrast the daily life of the rich man and Lazarus the beggar? (Luke 16:19-20)
9. Describe in your own words the imaginary afterlife conversation between Abraham and the rich man. (Luke 16:22-31)
  - a. What was the rich man in Hades first request, and why couldn’t it be granted? (Luke 16:24)
  - b. What was the rich man’s second request? (Luke 16:27)
  - c. Why did he ask Lazarus to fulfill the request, and not Abraham? (Luke 16:30)
  - d. Why was this second request refused? (Luke 16:29-31)
10. The final reasoning of the rich man in Hades was that if someone his brothers knew, like Lazarus, came back from the dead, they would listen, believe him, repent, and not end up in Hades. (Luke 16:27). How does Abraham’s reply refer to Jesus? (Luke 16:31)

### ***If you would like a challenge?***

11. By telling the story of Lazarus, do you think Jesus is saying wealthy people can’t get to heaven?