

GRACE POINT

What Happens After You Die Part 2: Almost Dead

Luke 16:19-31; Luke 23:35-49, 2 Corinthians 12:1-4

1. What was most memorable, challenging, or encouraging from the message this week?
2. Many of us tend to give stories more credibility than scripture. Are there any stories you've heard from friends or in the media that have influenced what you think about what happens after you die?
3. There are two stories in scripture we're looking at this week. The first, Luke 16:19-31, is a haunting parable. Focus on verses 30-31. What dynamic do you think Jesus is addressing here? Have you seen this logic at work before in yourself, or people you know?
4. Then in Luke 23:35-49, Jesus does return from the dead. Why do you think the disciples doubted?
5. How does the reaction of the disciples mirror the reaction to Jesus' resurrection by people today?
6. What's the hardest part of the resurrection for you to believe? Why?
7. After Jesus' death and resurrection, Paul apparently also had a near death experience, outlined in 2 Corinthians 12:1-4. Some scholars believe Paul is describing what happened during his conversion, backfilling more details on what's chronicled in narrative form in Acts 9. How did what happened to Paul change his life?
8. What other evidence do you think you might need to be persuaded that the Biblical view of eternity is accurate?

MOVING FORWARD

Often we spend more time planning a family vacation than we do planning for eternity. What do you need to do to take eternity more seriously? And if you spent more time expecting there to be life after death, how would that impact how you live today?

CHANGING YOUR MIND

"The rich man replied, 'No, Father Abraham! But if someone is sent to them from the dead, then they will repent of their sins and turn to God.'"

Luke 16:30