

Some issues scholars grapple with in interpreting Luke 16.1-18

1. Where does “the parable” end?
2. How much of Luke 16.1-13 is from a) Jesus; b) a pre-Lucan source; c) Luke?
3. How does 16.1-8 fit with the preceding parable?
4. What does 16.14-18 have to do with 16.1-8, 16.9-13 or the parable that follows in 16.19-31?
5. How do echoes from other parts of Luke help to interpret 16.1-8?
6. How does the “interpretation” in 16.9-13 fit (or not) with the parable?
7. Why is someone accused of injustice/dishonesty being praised?
8. What can we know about debts, managers and contracts in Luke’s context?
9. What does the discussion about “the law and the prophets” in 16.16-17 have to do with either parable?
10. What does the saying about divorce in 16.18 have to do with either parable or the wider unit of 16.14-18?