

**"There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day.**

*"But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation.*

*"Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry.*

*"What then did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who put on fine clothing and live in luxury are in royal palaces."*

**And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores,**

*"Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God."*

**who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man's table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores.**

*"Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled."*

**The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham.**

*"And I tell you, everyone who acknowledges me before others, the Human One also will acknowledge before the angels of God"*

**The rich man also died and was buried. In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus in his bosom.**

**He called out, 'Father Abraham,**

*"Do not begin to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our father; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham."*

**have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames.'**

*His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."*

**But Abraham said, 'Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony.**

*"But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation."*

*"Blessed are you when people...exclude you...rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven"*

**Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.'**

*you begin to stand outside and to knock at the door, saying, 'Lord, open to us,' then in reply he will say to you, 'I do not know where you come from.'*

**He said, 'Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father's house--for I have five brothers--that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.'**

*my brothers are those who hear the word of God and do it."*

**Abraham replied, 'They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.'**

*Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him.... Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!"*

*it is easier for heaven and earth to pass away, than for one stroke of a letter in the law to be dropped.*

**He said, 'No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.'**

*But Jesus said to him, "Let the dead bury their own dead..."*

**He said to him, 'If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.'"**