

10. **What is the keys of hell and death?** – Revelation 1:18

Jesus has the power to resurrect. He has conquered the grave. He was alive, He did die, and now He is alive. It is the power of Jesus (Michael) that will raise the dead at His soon return (1 Thes. 4:16, 17). If we follow Jesus and give our heart and lives to Him we will one day be with Him in Heaven. He loves you so much He will not allow the grave to hold you for eternity when you love Him. The keys of hell and death is His resurrecting power.

11. **So what did Jesus do and where did He go when He died?** -

Jesus did what we will do when we die. He simply rested in the grave until His resurrection. He could not have preached to anyone else in the grave because all other dead people were unconsciously sleeping in the grave as well (Eccl. 9:5, 6). He could not have been in hell fire because it has not yet been kindled (2 Peter 2:9, John 12:48, Matthew 13:40, 42, Rev. 20:9).

The idea that Jesus did anything else is of mythology and pagan origin.

Summary:

Jesus loves you more than anything. He loves you so much He died the death you deserve so you may have an eternal life that you don't deserve.

The teaching that there will be some other chance to make a decision for Christ is dangerous because it makes us put off the most important decision. Now is the time to decide for Christ. Don't wait until it is too late. The Bible is very clear all decisions for or against Christ are made before the grave and before Jesus' return (Heb. 9:27, Rev. 22:11).

Will you choose now to love Jesus. Why wait. You have nothing to lose by giving your heart to him now and everything to gain.
Amen.

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Did Jesus go to Hell?

Bonus Lesson

Introduction:

Where did Jesus go when He died? What is the heart of the earth? What is the keys of hell and death? Where is paradise? As usual let's allow scripture to speak for itself.

1. **What happens when you die?**

(Please review the lesson The Greatest Story Never Told for a complete answer to this question).

A. Luke and Jesus both referred to death as a sleep (Acts 7:59, 60, John 11:11-14).

B. There is no consciousness in this sleep (Ps. 146:4, Eccl. 9:10).

C. The dead don't praise the Lord (Ps. 115:17).

D. David will be in Heaven but is not yet there (Acts 2:29, 34).

E. If we go straight to Heaven or Hell at death why would there be a resurrection? (1 Cor. 15:51-54, Job 21:30-32).

F. Of all the people in the Bible that have died and been resurrected not one of them has said what it was like. This is because death is a sleep according to the Bible.

2. **Definitions:**

Hell – Hell is derived from the following words. We must read in context to see what the Bible is telling us.

Sheol – Grave or pit.

Hades – The place of departed souls – the grave

Gehennah (Valley of Hinnom) – This is a place located just outside the walls of Jerusalem where refuse and bodies of animals

were cast into an ever smoldering fire to be consumed. What might escape the flames was destroyed by maggots which fed on the dead bodies. Gehenna symbolized a place of total destruction.

Tartaroo – To incarcerate in eternal torment

(Please review the lesson Fire from Heaven for further details on hell).

4. **What about the rich man and Lazarus?**

Luke 16:19-28

This is a parable in a series of parables. The word hell used here is Hades, a place of torment in Greek mythology. All of the Jews listening to this discourse would have understood that Jesus was using a well-known myth to illustrate a point. Let's look closely to see this is a symbolic parable.

A. All the saved do not go to Abraham's bosom. I would say not many would fit there.

B. People in heaven and hell do not talk to each other.

C. A drop of water would not cool the tongue of a person burning in hell.

D. Abraham does not decide who is saved and who is lost.

E. Jesus says "The word that I have spoken, the same shall judge him in the last day."

Explanation – The rich man was a symbol of the Jewish nation, feasting on the scriptures, while a beggar at the gate (the gentiles) were starving for the Word of God. Jesus concluded the parable with the observation that "If they hear not Moses and the prophets, neither will they persuaded, though one rose from the dead." (Luke 16:31). Indeed Jesus, did later raise a man named Lazarus from the dead, and most of the Jewish leaders still did not believe (John 12:9-11).

5. **What is the heart of the earth?** – Matthew 12:40

This passage is Jesus Himself saying He would be in the heart of the earth for three days and three nights. Jesus was crucified and died on Friday (preparation day) and was resurrected on the third day Sunday, the first day of the week (Luke 23:53-24:1). Notice Jesus was in the tomb for three days and two nights. Never does the Bible refer to the heart of the earth as the grave or hell. Jesus

was arrested on Thursday night and resurrected on Sunday morning this would be three days and three nights. Just as Jonah was delivered to the great fish for three days and three nights, Jesus was delivered into the hands of man for three days and three nights.

6. **If Jesus promised the thief paradise where is it and when will he go there?** - Luke 23:43

Paradise is where the tree of life is (Rev. 2:7). The tree of life is in heaven (Revelation 22:2, 14). So if the tree of life is in heaven and Jesus did not go to heaven when he died (John 20:17), when will the thief enter paradise? The answer is when everyone else does, at the second coming of Christ (1 Thes. 4:16, 17)

7. **When did Jesus preach to the spirits in prison?**

1 Peter 3:18-20

Christ did preach to spirits (lowercase "s") in prison through or by the Holy Spirit (capital "S"). This preaching was done when the ark was being built during the preaching of Noah to the Antediluvian world.

8. **What is the lower parts of the earth?**

Ephesians 4:8-10

Nowhere in this passage does it even slightly indicate that Jesus went to hell. It says the lower parts of the earth. The grave or tomb is the lower part of the earth. When Jesus died He went into the grave and then ascended into heaven after His resurrection. By conquering death on the cross He made it possible to free us from the prison house of sin.

9. **Who was in prison?** – Psalm 142:7

Peter is simply saying here that Christ, through the Holy Spirit, was present while Noah preached; Christ was there through the Holy Spirit to speak conviction to their hearts and appeal to them to come into the ark. The prisoners are those whose sinful lives were bound in the prison house of sin.