

“The Rich Man and Lazarus!”

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Luke 16:19-31

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V. 19

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Remember what it says: “Today when you hear his voice, don’t harden your hearts as Israel did when they rebelled.”

Hebrews 3:15

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Philippians 2:4

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Vv. 23

a. We are anchored in _____.

This hope is a strong and trustworthy anchor for our souls. It leads us through the curtain into God’s inner sanctuary.

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V. 25

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John 10:27

b. Jesus is _____.

This is real love—not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as a sacrifice to take away our sins.

1 John 4:10

4. Now is the time to _____ Jesus!

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