

DIFFICULT PASSAGES

Genesis 4:16-17 (Cain's Wife)

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1 Peter 3:17-18 Jesus and the Spirits in Prison

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PARABLE (Allegory/ Metaphoric) or LITERAL (Factual Account)

The story of the Rich Man and Lazarus, found in the Gospel of Luke (Luke 16:19-31), is widely considered a _____ by the vast majority of biblical scholars. While some interpretations lean towards a _____, the context and characteristics of the story suggest it's a _____ used by Jesus to convey _____.

- Context within Luke's Gospel: The story is presented alongside other _____ in Luke, particularly those dealing with themes of _____, _____, and _____.
- The nature of parables: Parables are typically _____, _____ **stories** using everyday scenarios to teach _____ or _____. They often employ vivid imagery and metaphorical language rather than presenting a factual historical account.
- Symbolic Language: Elements like " _____ " and the " _____ " are understood to be _____ rather than _____ of the afterlife or physical locations.
- Contradiction with other scriptures: Interpreting the story _____ Conflicts with other biblical passages regarding the state of the _____ and _____.
