



**ST NINIAN'S UNITING CHURCH**  
**SEPTEMBER 28<sup>th</sup> 2025 PEBBLES**  
**BASED ON THE STORY OF THE RICH MAN AND LAZARUS:**  
**LUKE 16:19-31**



So that I'm not late for appointments I often set an alarm on my phone. On the app I can choose to turn off the alarm or put it on snooze. If I hit the snooze button I get an extra 10 minutes sleep – and then it's repeat, repeat, repeat.

It might be great to get some extra sleep, but there are two problems with the snooze button. The first is that if I keep hitting the snooze button, I will be late and miss out on my appointment. The second is that if I keep hitting the snooze button, I might get just a little too used to the sound of the alarm that my mind doesn't even hear the sound going off in the first place.

Did you know that God sometimes sounds a 'wake up' alarm in our lives? God speaks to our heart and says, 'It's time to wake up and follow Me.' Some people hit the snooze button and say, 'not today Lord, I've got too much to do, call me again later.' Some people hit that 'snooze button' so many times that they stop hearing God's voice speaking to them. When they finally wake up, they find out that it is too late. That's what happened to the rich man in the story today.

Jesus told a story about a rich man who wore the best clothes and lived in luxury. A beggar named Lazarus lay outside the rich man's gate. Lazarus was hungry and was very unwell. He was hoping that the rich man might have pity on him and that he might be able to give some of food off his table that landed on the floor. But every day the rich man passed by Lazarus without even giving him a thought. I imagine that he passed by Lazarus so many times that he eventually got to the point that he didn't see or hear Lazarus at all.

Jesus' story tells us that Lazarus died and went to heaven. The rich man also died, but he didn't go to heaven. The place where the rich man went wasn't very nice and he was very uncomfortable. He looked up and saw Lazarus in heaven with Abraham. He asked Abraham to let Lazarus dip his finger in water and come and touch it to his burning tongue, but Abraham said, 'no'. Then he reminded the rich man how he had enjoyed such good things while he was alive, while Lazarus had nothing.

The rich man then asked Abraham to allow Lazarus to go back to earth and warn his five brothers so that they wouldn't end up in the same uncomfortable place as he was, but, again Abraham said, 'no.' the rich man finally woke up, but it was far too late.

God is still sending 'wake up' calls to people today. Let's pray now that they will listen to God's voice and follow God before it's too late.

**PRAYER:** Lord God, may I never be guilty of hitting the snooze button saying, 'Later, Lord.' Instead, lets me rise up and follow you. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen



# THE RICH MAN & LAZARUS

Guide Lazarus to Abraham



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## The Rich Man and the Poor Man

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angels	heaven	begged	jesus	earth
water	sores	money	word	good
hell	poor	rich	see	god

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