

Cultural Contrast

One of Jesus' parables taught a story including great
_____ in life and death and eternity.

Differences in Life

16:19-21

One life seemed to have it all together.

The other life was **B**_____.

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
Matthew 5:3-10

One life seemed to have everything.

The other life was **B**_____ with a name.

... the Sovereign LORD will put you to death, but to His servants He will give another name.
Isaiah 65:15

The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, (the good shepherd) and the sheep listen to His voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out.
John 10:3

Many will say to me on that day, 'Lord, Lord, ... Then I will tell them plainly, 'I never knew you. Away from me, you evildoers!'
Matthew 7:22-23

Whoever has ears, let them hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To the one who is victorious, I will give some of the hidden manna. I will also give that person a white stone with a new name written on it, known only to the one who receives it.
Revelation 2:17

Differences after Death

16:22-24

Location for Unbelievers:

Hades and then after the final judgement, Hell.

Location for Believers:

Paradise / Heaven and then later the New Heaven & New Earth.

One person had torment and **A**_____.
One life had comfort.

He will swallow up death forever. The Sovereign LORD will wipe away the tears from all faces; He will remove His people's disgrace from all the earth. The LORD has spoken. Isaiah 25:8

He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.
Revelation 21:4

One person was **A**_____. (Matt. 22:13)
One life was in community.

After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever.
1 Thessalonians 4:17

After this I looked, and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and before the Lamb. ...
Revelation 7:9

Differences in Eternity

16:25-31

God again set a certain day, calling it "Today." ... as in the passage already quoted: "Today, if you hear His voice, do not harden your hearts."
Hebrews 4:7

Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with that person, and they with me.
Revelation 3:20

Optional Readings: *Contrasts in Life that determine Eternity*

Matthew 22-26 Revelation 1-5, 19-22