

“WHAT IS TRUTH?”

(John 1:1-5, 14, 17; 14:6; 18:38)

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INTRO: This question is very relevant today, especially in light of the cancel culture and media propaganda. Do you really want the truth? What price are you willing to pay?

I. JESUS IS THE SOURCE OF TRUTH (Jn. 1:1-5, 14, 17; 14:6)

- A. Jesus has eternally existed as the Word (Jn. 1:1-3).
- B. Jesus is the source of true life and light (Jn. 1:4-5).
 - 1. When light & darkness collide, light wins!
 - 2. Darkness does not comprehend/overcome light!
- C. Jesus is full of [the source] grace and truth (Jn. 1:14, 17).
- D. Jesus is *the* way, truth and life (John 14:6)!
 - 1. The nature of truth is narrow and exclusive.

II. GOD’S WORD IS TRUTH (Jn. 17:17; 2Tim. 3:16-17)

- A. God’s Word is truth – inspired by God.
- B. Are you going to believe Jesus or contemporary culture?

III. THE HOLY SPIRIT GUIDES US INTO ALL TRUTH (Jn. 16:13)

- A. The Holy Spirit dwelling in us can guide us into truth and give us needed discernment.

IV. THE TRUTH SHALL MAKE YOU FREE (John 8:32-36)

- A. The Pharisees questioned the truth of Jesus’ witness.
- B. They didn’t understand what Jesus was saying.
- C. They thought they were good based on their nationality rather than their faith and character.
- D. Sin does not discriminate based on skin color (Jn. 8:34)!
- E. Jesus confronted their lies (Jn. 8:55).
- F. There is often a strong resistance to truth (Jn. 8:37, 40, 59).

V. WHAT IS TRUTH (John 18:38)? This is the question Pilate asked Jesus (Jn. 18:36-38) and we should be asking today!

VI. THE CONSPIRACY (Matt. 28)

- A. The narrative that Jesus hadn’t risen from the dead was the conspiracy and the resurrection the truth (vv. 12-15)!
- B. Conspiracy - A secret plan made by two or more people to do something that is harmful or illegal.
- C. Conspiracy theory - A theory that explains an event or set of circumstances as the result of a secret plot.

CONCLUSION: Will you accept God’s truth at any cost?