

What is the Truth?

Truth is Truth

even if no one believes it

a LIE is a LIE

even if everyone believes it

John 18:28-40

Then the Jewish leaders took Jesus from Caiaphas to the palace of the Roman governor. By now it was early morning, and to avoid ceremonial uncleanness they did not enter the palace, because they wanted to be able to eat the Passover. ²⁹ So Pilate came out to them and asked, “What charges are you bringing against this man?”

³⁰ “If he were not a criminal,” they replied, “we would not have handed him over to you.”

³¹ Pilate said, “Take him yourselves and judge him by your own law.” “But we have no right to execute anyone,” they objected. ³² This took place to fulfill what Jesus had said about the kind of death he was going to die. ³³ Pilate then went back inside the palace, summoned Jesus and asked him, “Are you the king of the Jews?” ³⁴ “Is that your own idea,” Jesus asked, “or did others talk to you about me?” ³⁵ “Am I a Jew?” Pilate replied.

“Your own people and chief priests handed you over to me. What is it you have done?”

³⁶ Jesus said, “My kingdom is not of this world. If it were, my servants would fight to prevent my arrest by the Jewish leaders. But now my kingdom is from another place.”

³⁷ “You are a king, then!” said Pilate.

Jesus answered, “You say that I am a king. In fact, the reason I was born and came into the world is to testify to the truth. Everyone on the side of truth listens to me.”

38 “What is truth?” retorted Pilate. With this he went out again to the Jews gathered there and said, “I find no basis for a charge against him. **39** But it is your custom for me to release to you one prisoner at the time of the Passover. Do you want me to release ‘the king of the Jews’?” **40** They shouted back, “No, not him! Give us Barabbas!” Now Barabbas had taken part in an uprising.

When thinking about truth one must understand . . . where there is truth there will be lies, and counterfeits.

- **Satan's objective is to kill and destroy anything to do with the Truth.**

Matthew 10:10 – Thief comes to steal

John 8:44 - Father of lies

Genesis 3 – “Did God really say?”

Matthew 4:4 – Satan quotes scripture

2 Corinthians 4:1-6 – Blinded minds

- **Jesus has come to bring the truth that produces life!**

John 10:10 An Abundant life (to the full)

John 8:45-46 Tells us the truth

Matthew 13:10-14 Spoke in Parables

Is it possible to know the Truth?

Yes – through a relationship with Jesus Christ, who is the Way, and the TRUTH, and the Life!

- Without God we cannot understand the Truth
- God the Holy Spirit has come to lead us into all Truth.
- Seek out the answers and the Truth

Test the Truth

- **Malachi 3:10**
- **Psalm 34:8**
- **1 Thessalonians 5:19-24**

We can either embrace the Truth or Walk Away from the Truth.

- Rich Young Ruler
- Woman at the well
- 2 Timothy 4:1-5 Some will place around them people who will only tell them what they want to hear, and not face the truth.

“There are two ways to be fooled.
One is to believe what isn't true; the
other is to refuse to accept what is
true.”

~ Soren Kierkegard

Practical Application

- Examine your beliefs and invite God the Holy Spirit to shed light on all areas of our life, including any “blind spots”
- Pray God the Holy Spirit to empower you to live out the Truth
- Invite those you can trust to share with you the Truth in love
- Pray that the minds of others would be open to the truth and that the veil would be taken from their spiritual eyes.