

We Believe...The Truth Sets You Free

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[John 18:33-38a](#)

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. "It was your people and your chief priests who 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 Jews. But now my kingdom is from another place." 37 "You are a king, then!" said Pilate. Jesus answered, "You are right in saying I am a king. In fact, for this reason I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone on the side of truth listens to me." 38 "What is truth?" Pilate asked...

78 times Jesus said, "[I tell you the truth](#)".

[John 8:31-32](#)

31 To the Jews who had believed him, Jesus said, "[If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. 32 Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.](#)"

Let's answer Pilate's question. What is truth?

1. JESUS IS THE TRUTH

[John 14:6](#)

Jesus answered, "I am the way and [the truth](#) and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."

2. GOD'S WORD IS TRUTH

[John 17:17](#)

"[Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth.](#)"

[John 1:](#)

1 In the beginning was [the Word](#), and [the Word](#) was with God, and [the Word](#) was God. 2 He was with God in the beginning. 3 Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. 4 In him was life, and that life was the light of men. 5 The light shines in the darkness, but the darkness has not understood it. 6-

13... 14 [The Word became flesh](#) and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, [full of grace and truth](#). 15-16... 17 For the law was given through Moses; [grace and truth came through Jesus Christ](#).

3. THE HOLY SPIRIT IS THE SPIRIT OF TRUTH

[John 14:15-17](#)

15 "If you love me, you will obey what I command. 16 And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Counselor to be with you forever— 17 [the Spirit of truth](#). The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and [will be in you](#)."

[John 16:13](#)

"But when he, [the Spirit of truth](#), comes, [he will guide you into all truth](#). He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come."

4. TRUTH IS UNDER ATTACK

[John 8:44](#)

"You belong to your father, the devil, and you want to carry out your father's desire. He was a murderer from the beginning, [not holding to the truth](#), for there is no truth in him. [When he lies, he speaks his native language, for he is a liar and the father of lies.](#)"

[Isaiah 5:20](#)

[Woe to those who call evil good and good evil](#), who put darkness for light and light for darkness...

[Ephesians 6:12-14a](#)

12 For [our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil](#) in the heavenly realms. 13 [Therefore put on the full armor of God](#), so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. 14 [Stand firm](#) then, with the [belt of truth buckled around your waist](#)...

[1 Peter 5:8-9a](#)

8 Be [self-controlled](#) and alert. [Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour](#). 9 [Resist him, standing firm in the faith](#)...