

10 Looks: Look 4 – Truth (18 Aug 2024)



What is truth?

That is one of the – if not the most important question any of us can ever ask.

But once you ask it – then you have to make a decision.

That came for me when I was 22. I had enjoyed a life of atheism. I was my own king. There was no heaven and no hell. Truth was whatever I wanted it to be. My truth was to wring everything out of this world.

But then one dark night of the soul I lay on my bed trying to put the pieces together.

It struck me – I had a Mormon girlfriend. A Muslim medical friend. A Catholic university friend. Plenty of atheist friends – but now I also had two Christian friends who were greatly troubling my soul.

All said they had the truth.

What is truth?

Then it got even harder – I realised that even if any of them actually had the truth – how could I ever know it?

Who can say if there is a God or if there is – is Jesus God?

But I felt I had to know it because my Christian troublers kept telling me there is a heaven and a hell – so this matters.

What is truth?

As I wrestled with the whole notion of truth – it began to dawn on me – the real question underlying it all was – is there a God – and then has He spoken?

Because if there is one almighty Being – by definition – if He speaks – what He speaks is truth.

And a verse my friends kept sharing with me began to eat at me.

They had told me about this guy Jesus who said:

I am the way, **the truth** and the life.

Not – I speak the truth – I **am** *the* truth.

It was something that has stuck with me for decades.

Jesus claimed to be **the truth**.

It has become one of the most beautiful and foundational pillars I have built my life on.

It has been such a blessing when I need guidance – to meditate on Jesus and realise – in Him there is real truth – and the more I think on that truth the more beautiful it becomes.

We are in a series based on a quote from *Robert Murray McCheyne*:



For every look at yourself, take ten looks at Christ.

Looking at Christ humbles the mind, magnifies the mind and feeds the soul.

It is the greatest exercise we can undertake.

This morning the fourth look at Jesus I want us to meditate on is that **Christ glorifies the Father as:**



Truth

You might think that truth sounds like a cold, rational logical attribute.

It is anything but. I have found it to be one of the more beautiful qualities of Jesus.

It is His truth that sets us free.

It is His truth that gives us hope.

If Jesus says He will save us – you can trust that it is true.

If you want to understand the world – listen to His truth.

Truth is beautiful.

Here is truth:



In Christ, God has given us every truth for life and eternity. Trust Him and live.

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I just said – I believe this is truth.

In fact, I believe this is truth with every fibre of my being.

But many will say – you can't know that is true.

You can believe it is true – but not know that it is true.

You need to know that some very smart men and women through the centuries have told us – there is no way to know something is actually true.

I am here to tell you – they are wrong.

The writer who speaks the most about truth is John.

If you read John's gospel and his letters – truth is something that comes up again and again.

I want you to hear what John says about truth.

Turn to John 1.

The opening verse says this – John 1:1:

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

Word – *logos* – is a term that speaks of the **self-revelation of God**. Basically – **the truth about God and from God**.

And this *logos* does not just speak for God – He is God.

John goes on to tell us that this *logos* is Christ – the Son of God – the second person of the Trinity.

John chooses to use this term because when you read his gospel we find that one of the great tasks of the Son is to reveal the Father – to give us truth about the Father.

Verse 4 – this *logos* brings life and light to the world.

Verse 14:

The Word became flesh and dwelt among us. We observed his glory, the glory as the one and only Son from the Father, full of grace and **truth**.

This word truth is found throughout this gospel. Verse 17:

Grace and **truth** came through Jesus Christ.

This life giving, light bringing *logos* – revelation – comes embodied as **grace** but crucially also as **truth**.

If God is the Creator of all – the sustainer of all. Everything God says about Himself and His Creation must by definition be true.

God is love and cannot lie. So, if He reveals Himself in Jesus – His truth is in Jesus and everything Jesus says and does is truth.

In Him we can know the unknowable God – and truths about heaven and the life to come.

Jesus came into our world as the truth from God.

So, when you see Jesus – you see truth.

And – John 8:45 – Jesus says:

I speak the truth.

So when you hear Jesus – you hear the truth.

Crucially, His words are not for debate – they are for us to hear and believe.

However, John makes it clear that when Jesus entered the world – His truth divided all mankind into two groups – those who accepted the truth and those who rejected it.

John 1:10–12:

He was in the world, and the world was created through him, and yet the world did not recognize him. ... But to all who did receive him, he gave them the right to be children of God, to those who believe in his name.

John 10:25–28:

“I did tell you and you don’t believe,” Jesus answered them. “The works that I do in my Father’s name testify about me. But you don’t believe because you are not of my sheep. My sheep hear my voice, I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish.”

Romans 1 says the truth there is a God is evident in creation – but we suppress that truth.

That is bad enough – but when the full revelation of God comes in the flesh and we deny it – we have spurned out only hope.

This is the man in the burning building. A firefighter goes in and says – the way to safety is through the flames – come with me and live – and he refuses.

Everyone has to make a decision – do we accept the words of Jesus as truth or not?

This no minor matter. We are surrounded by truth claims that really don’t matter much.

You can log on to Donald Trump’s hilariously named – Truth Social.

There you will find truth claims – but then you have to decide if they are truth.

Did Kamala have thousands at her rallies or did she just AI photoshop them into her pictures?

Is the news of her rise in polls fake or not?

You know – most of us barely give much time to ponder these issues.

But the question of whether Jesus is the only way to escape eternal destruction is infinitely more significant.

That you should give whatever time and effort it takes to ponder it and decide.

Jesus came and called on all to believe Him and live.

Now to help us understand why the opening of John is so important – I want us to think about truth.

I want to give you **three truths**:

Truth 1:



No God, no truth

If there is no God – there is no truth you can know with absolute certainty.

The Bible tells us this. John 14:17:

He is the Spirit of truth. The world is unable to receive him because it doesn't see him or know him.

If you don't know God – you can't know truth.

In fact, if you do not believe there is a God – you can never know anything with certainty.

Something you hold as true – may in fact be true – it is just that you can't be absolutely certain.

If there is no God who speaks with perfect authority – then there is no way to know if anything is actually true.

Crucially, don't think this is just something Christian's say.

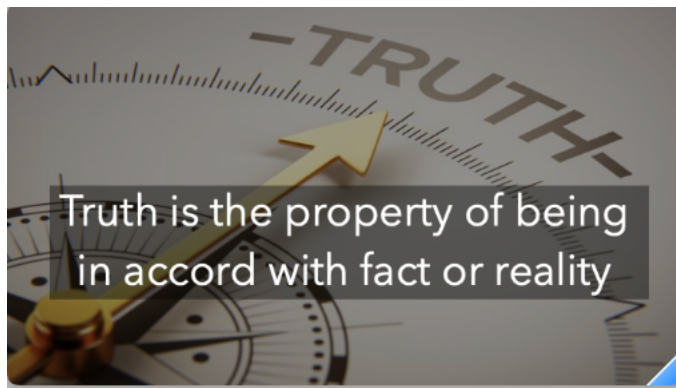
Philosophers of every stripe agree on this.

Think about this with me.

Without God – you can't even define truth.

Every philosopher has realised you can't even say what is true unless a divine authority tells you what truth is.

The result is that most dictionaries will define truth something like this:



Truth is the property of being in accord with fact or reality.

That may or may not be true – you just have no way to know.

So, here is what you only find if you read on. Every worldly philosopher – and I mean every one of them – will tell you:

Since we don't believe in one absolute being who defines what is true – then while there are truths – we have no way to know those truths with certainty.

For example – do you actually exist – or are you just some computer simulation on the matrix?

Maybe one of those is true – maybe neither – you can have a belief – but you can't know – because your knowledge is not infinite.

Now I am not just talking about knowing difficult things like who killed JFK or do angels exist?

I mean philosophers tell us that, without God, there is not one statement, belief, thought that you can know with certainty that it is true.

Why? – Because to know something is true you yourself have to have perfect knowledge, with perfect senses and perfect comprehension OR a being with perfect knowledge, senses and comprehension has to reveal truth to you.

You have to be God or hear from God.

Without God – all we can do is get close to what we believe is the truth.

Why? – Because our experience says – we are imperfect beings and we do interpret properties and statements wrongly, so we might be deceived, we might be wrong.

I know this is bit abstract – but stay with me.

Let me give you an example.



This is **gnomy**.

What is ***the truth*** about this little fella?

Does he exist?

Is he a representation of a true being?

I hope not. I don't believe so.

OK – try this.

My truth about him is that when my son went on an overseas trip – this is what he thought appropriate to bring me home as a gift.

Your truth about him might be – that is a ridiculous looking plastic gnome holding a pig.

Both 'truths' may actually be true – or it is possible that neither statement may be true.

It is possible there might be LSD in the air making us all see something this ridiculous.

Your truth, my truth, the truth – what is truth?

OK – if that is too weird – let's try for a much simpler 'truth'.

What colour is gnomy's hat?

My truth is – it is red. Most likely your truth is – it is red.

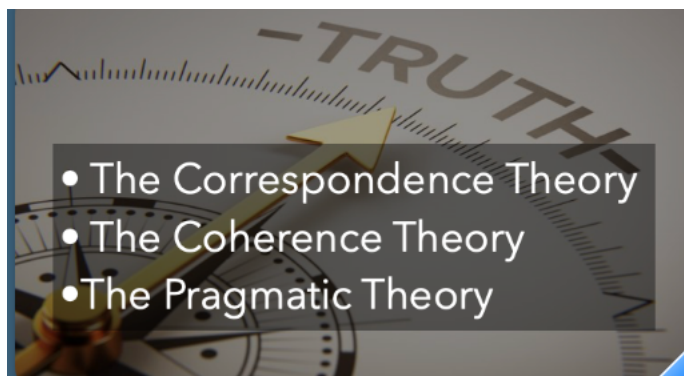
Philosophers will tell us – it likely is red – it is just that we can't be absolutely certain it is red.

Bear with me.

If you go and look up the Wikipedia article on 'truth' – it lists fifteen different views on how philosophers have postulated we can get closest to the truth.

And believe me there are actually a lot more than fifteen.

Let me just talk about three views – three well known views of truth that might give you an idea of how philosophers think:



- **The Correspondence Theory** – What you believe to be true accurately corresponds to objective realities.

There is truth. And your senses tell your brain that this thing you comprehend corresponds to your belief.

His hat is red and because it is actually red and you confirmed that it is red you're your senses perceived it as red.

- **The Coherence Theory** – Something is true if it logically coheres with other accepted truths.

We live in an ordered universe. If something is true it will fit all known facts and laws.

If something we know to be true doesn't fit a belief – then our belief is wrong.

We believe his hat is red because all our evidence agrees that it is red.

Our spectral analysis we perform says red, our survey of other people say it is red, the colour is like other things we know to be red.

His hat is red because all our evidence says it is red and there is no clear evidence it is not red.

- **The Pragmatic Theory** – Truth is determined by how useful or practical a belief or statement is, rather than by correspondence to facts or internal coherence alone.

We can't be sure if the hat is red or not but who cares? We live as if it is red – and that works for us.

I will say that is probably how most people live whether they realise it or not. They live as if there is actual truth – and it works for them.

Now, here is my point.

Philosophers know that any theory can only take us so far. There is always a possibility – even if very remote – that we can be wrong – about anything.

This is so because we are imperfect. We make mistakes, we get deceived, we have false assumptions. No one is a perfect observer or interpreter.

- **The Correspondence Theory**

Maybe I am colour blind.

Maybe I am tripping on a hallucinogenic drug.

It is possible what I think I see is not what I see.

- **The Coherence Theory**

Maybe everyone who taught me what red is was colour blind.

Maybe my instruments that measure red were not calibrated correctly.

Maybe I just haven't found the smoking gun yet that says – the hat is not red.

- **The Pragmatic Theory**

We already told you we don't believe in absolute truth.

If there is no God – no perfect Being who creates truth and declares truth and then reveals truth – the best we can do is speak of relative truth.

That is why the world says – we can't know true truth – so I am fine with accepting a relative truth.

It is why the world speaks of:

My truth
Your truth
Our society's truth
Scientific truth
Fake truth

What matters is what I think is true.

If my truth is that a man can be a woman – you can't say I am wrong.

I will also point out that all philosophers say there **is** an actual truth.

Either a man can be a woman or a man cannot be a woman. Both can't be actually true.

Now – what if **the** truth is – there is a God and there is a judgment and there is a hell?

Then the true truth absolutely matters.

If there is a God who tells us the true way to live – then my truth is not good enough.

In fact, this whole thinking about truth goes even deeper.

It has often been pointed out – the very fact that men and women can think and sense and debate truth – presupposes a God.

Random atoms don't do this.

The fact that there are coherent laws in our universe and rational thought presupposes a Creator God who sustains.

Without God you have no justification to rely on your senses, your mind or even laws.

It is so absurd because even the reasoning you use to say there is no God – is proof there is a God.

The whole framework they use falls apart if there is no God.

Here is the truth:



No God, no truth.

Look, if I have lost you – basically what I have said is this.

Those who are often regarded as the smartest men and women in history have made it very clear – they believe that there is nothing we can believe with certainty. No true truth.

Here are some statements where they say this very clearly.

Friedrich Nietzsche said:

“There are no facts, only interpretations.”

And he said:

“You have your way. I have my way. As for the right way, the correct way, and the only way, it does not exist.”

Truth doesn't exist.

Aldous Huxley put it this way:

“There are things known and there are things unknown, and in between are the doors of perception.”

Of course – many of you who have done some philosophy will realise that these incredibly smart people have just made a truth claim that says there is no truth – the irony should be crushing. Somehow it isn't.

Psalm 14:1:

The fool says in his heart, “There's no God.”

When you say there is no God – the only truth is your truth.

That is how our world lives. But it is foolish.

There is no system of logic, reasoning, morals that can stand if you reject God.

Even in disciplines like science and mathematics – they will tell you there are no absolutes.

For example $2 + 2$ only equals 4 in some numbering systems and in certain systems of logic – it is not an absolute truth.

Kathy Sykes, a British physicist and professor at the University of Bristol, says:

Science is not about truth, but is about trying to get closer to the truth. This is important, because, too often, people look to scientists as having the 'truth.' What we have is wrapped in uncertainties, caveats and simplifications.

No one can be sure if the mathematics, logic, instruments, observations and interpretations that science relies on are perfect.

Just because you step off a boat 1000 times and sink – does not prove that the 1001st time the same will happen. Science says – the closest truth we have is that given all our observations and understanding – step out and you will believe you should sink – and we will hold that view until some guy steps out of a boat and walks on water.

We'll hold your little red hats – because guess what? – that happened.

The Word became flesh.

Truth entered our world.

He not only revealed God – but He broke the very laws of nature and logic to prove He was God.

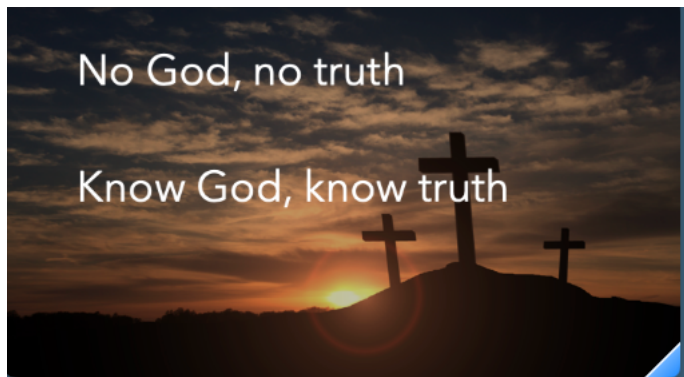
And to refute other religions who claim to speak for God – He made the ultimate truth claim.

He rose from the dead to prove – **He is truth.**

And John 8:32:

You will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.

So – Truth 2:



Know God, Know Truth.

If you actually want to define truth – here is the only definition that actually works:

God is truth.

Whatever God is – whatever God says – whatever God does – is truth.

God is truth.

So, if you want to know truth – listen to the truth revealed by God.

You can't find it – you can only receive it.

Deuteronomy 32:4:

The Rock—his work is perfect; all his ways are just. A faithful God, without bias,
he is righteous and true.

In Psalm 31:5 David calls the Lord:

God of truth.

There are things that are inherent to God that we can only understand by knowing God.

God is love.

God is holy.

God is truth.

Things can be true – but only God is truth. Only God can tell us what is actually true.

I can say I believe God created the world.

Only God can declare the truth is – He created the world.

Truth is dependent on the character, the trustworthiness, the wisdom, the knowledge of the one speaking.

Only God can reveal absolute truth.

So, the question is – can I – an imperfect man – know truth?

Yes – when God – who is truth – reveals it to me.

Now, let me put some flesh on this.

Look with me at John 14.

This is the night before the crucifixion. Jesus speaks to the disciples and says – verse 1:

Don't let your heart be troubled.

What is troubling the disciples? Basically everything.

They are so confused. They are finally coming to grips with Jesus as Messiah – but in chapter 13 – He says He is a Servant kind of Messiah – and also He is about to be a dead Messiah.

They don't get it.

They thought they knew the truth about Messiah – Jesus – the kingdom – now everything is a big question mark.

Jesus says:

Believe in God.

You want truth – this is the starting point for all wisdom.

If you don't believe in God – who are you going to believe?

Scientists, governments, philosophers, Wikipedia, Tik Tok.

Maybe the only one you trust is yourself.

A lot of things we believe are true – but some things are not.

When I get to heaven, I suspect there will be so many things I believed and will find – yeah I got that wrong.

But if God said it – that will never turn out to wrong.

That is why Proverbs 9:10 says:

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, and the knowledge of the Holy One is understanding.

Once you accept there is a God – the universe makes sense.

Once you accept there is a God – there are truths to guide your life.

God spoke, God created.

The only way we know absolute truths about God and His creation is if God tells us.

And God **has** spoken.

In the beginning – God spoke. In the garden God Spoke. He spoke to Israel. And the final and greatest speech came in the form of the Word.

Hebrews 1:1–3:

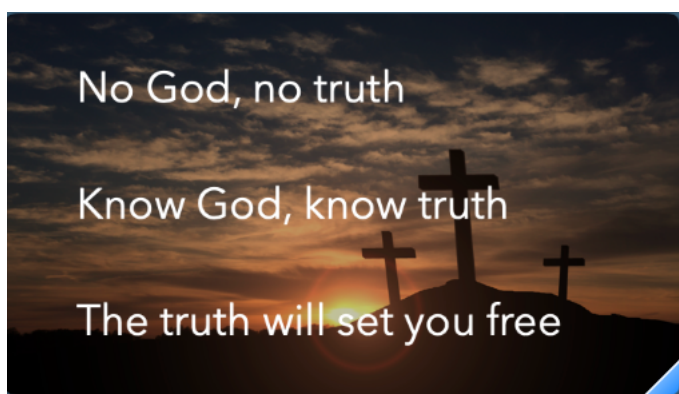
Long ago God spoke to our ancestors by the prophets at different times and in different ways. In these last days, he has spoken to us by his Son. God has appointed him heir of all things and made the universe through him. The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact expression of his nature, sustaining all things by his powerful word.

Now – back to John 14:1:

Believe in God – but crucially – **believe also in me.**

Not only is God truth – Jesus who is God – is truth.

So – Truth 3:

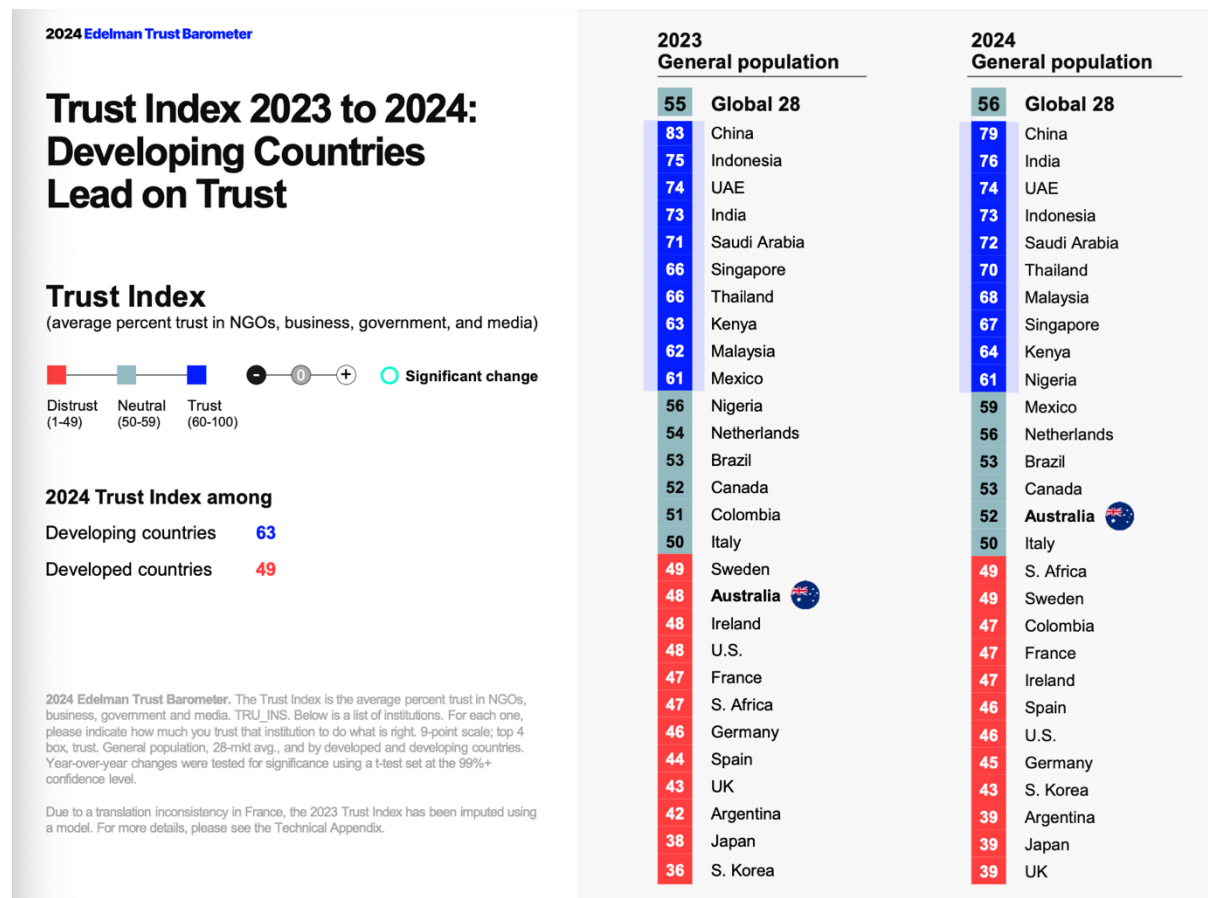


The truth will set you free.

Why did God speak truth in Jesus? – To save us.

Who do you trust to tell you the truth?

The Edelman Trust Barometer is put out every year. It surveys people around the world about who and what they trust.



Do you trust your government to give you truth?

Well some do.

The country that trusts their government the most? China at 79%.

Aussies – we are down at 52%. I am surprised it is that high frankly.

But they also found that 59% of Australians worry that government, business leaders, journalists and reporters are **purposely** trying to mislead us.

59% believe our government is lying to us.

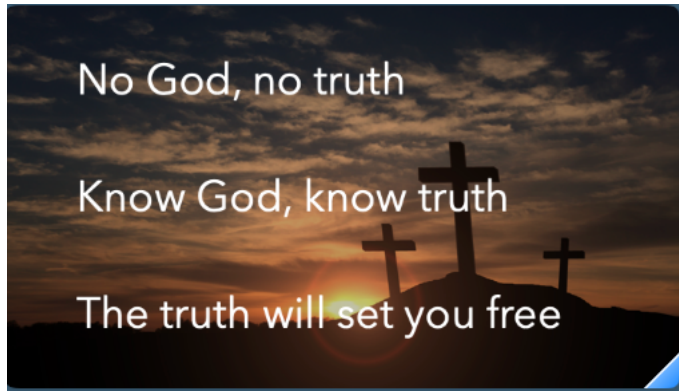
Why are we so mistrusting?

Many of have put trust in people who have let us down – it makes us suspicious.

It can be hard to trust.

But who can you trust with your eternal life?

Jesus said – **trust Me** – and the truth will set you free.



Most of the world do not even realise the eternal danger they are in let alone who they might trust to save them.

God knows the danger we are in.

He loved this world enough to send His beloved Son – to declare truths to us – and everyone who believes in Him will be freed and have eternal life.

Jesus said – trust Me.

Trust me in things you can't know from your senses.

Back in John 14 He says:

In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you? If I go away and prepare a place for you, I will come again and take you to myself, so that where I am you may be also.

I have never seen heaven.

I have never died to know what comes after death.

I cannot speak with authority on if there is a heaven and a hell. If there is a judgment.

Nor had the disciples.

How can we know anything about these questions?

We can only know if God – who is truth – speaks.

Jesus speaks – and what He says here is basically a way of saying – I know the truth.

There is life after death. I am the way to eternal life.

Jesus doesn't prepare a place for us by going to heaven and putting His carpentry skills to work building a few mansions.

No – He prepares a place for us by dying on the cross – paying for our sins.

No death – no place in heaven.

You know the way to where I am going.

On one level they didn't. They have never experienced heaven – been there themselves – died – so they don't know it in that sense.

But they don't need to.

For three years – in so many ways – Jesus had told them of heaven, judgment, salvation and crucially that He is the way to get there.

They should know.

Thomas – the literalist now chimes in:

“Lord,” Thomas said, “we don't know where you're going. How can we know the way?”

I have not been to heaven and I don't remember you giving us an address let alone directions.

How can we know anything about things we can't see?

Jesus must have breathed deeply. OK. Verse 6:

“I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.”

Trust Me and you know the way, hear the truth and find life.

How do we know this is this true?

Verse 11:

Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me. **Otherwise**, believe because of the works themselves.

How gracious is our Jesus?

His word should be enough – just believe.

But there are some who have to put their hands in the wounds to believe.

He knows some of us need other proofs.

For me – I heard the word and believed.

But then I had doubts.

So, I went to the resurrection. I studied that thing and could not come to any other conclusion. Jesus rose – Jesus is God.

Jesus is the truth.

Now, let's look at a second truth encounter.

John 18.

In verses 28-32 – Jesus is brought to Pilate.

Pilate asks – what are the charges?

The other gospels tell us they say – hey He is claiming to be king of the Jews.

Pilate says – well that is Jew stuff – you guys sort it out.

They say – we think this is so serious He should be killed – and we can't pass the death penalty – only you can.

Verse 33:

Then Pilate went back into the headquarters, summoned Jesus, and said to him, "Are you the king of the Jews?"

Pilate knows that humanly Jesus is a nobody. No army, no wealth, no real threat to Rome.

This is some Jewish squabble.

He looks at the bruised, beaten man.

They are telling me you claim to be the king of the Jews – is that true – do you say you are king of the Jews?

Is it true that you are the king of the Jews?

This is not a yes or no question.

Is Jesus a worldly king? No.

Is Jesus a king of a different kingdom? – yes.

So:

Jesus answered, "Are you asking this on your own, or have others told you about me?"

Are you asking me if I am a king – or just parroting the words of the Jews?

“I’m not a Jew, am I?” Pilate replied. “Your own nation and the chief priests handed you over to me. What have you done?”

Do I look Jewish? I have no clue what these guys mean when they say you are claiming to be their king.

Clearly You have done something to upset them. What?

“My kingdom is not of this world,” said Jesus. “If my kingdom were of this world, my servants would fight, so that I wouldn’t be handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here.”

I am a king alright – but not like any king you can imagine.

My kingdom is not worldly – power, armies, authority.

If I wanted that kind of kingdom – I need only ask.

“You are a king then?” Pilate asked.

Verse 37 is probably better translated the way the NIV does – “You are right in saying that I’m a king,”

I am a king – but a divine king.

I was born for this, and I have come into the world for this: to testify to the truth.

Then comes this important statement:

Everyone who is of the truth listens to my voice.

Pilate thinks he holds all the cards.

He is the Roman governor. Jesus’ life and death hinge on his word.

Jesus looks Him in the eye. I am the truth. I speak truth. I am a king – of the world that matters.

Your life is in my hands.

Do you believe?

Pilate has a choice.

He is looking truth in the face. Jesus says – believe Me.

Your eternal destiny is in My hands. Do you believe?

Spurn My words and die for all eternity.

Pilate responds with some of the most famous words in all history.

“What is truth?”

Pilate heard truth – absolute truth.

Pilate did not accept the truth – He mused – what is truth?

The truth could have set Pilate free.

As a Christian – the truth set me free.

It sets me free in so many ways.

There are all these questions tearing our world apart.

What is a woman?

Is an unborn infant a child?

Isn't love just love?

Is there a hell?

I **know** the truth – because God has spoken. And I have come to realise how beautiful that truth is.

Because truths like the nature of men and women – life from conception – the necessity of judgment are grounded in who God is – the more I look at Jesus the more I see God and the more I love His truth.

There is a beauty in God's design for men and women.

Even hell declares the holiness of God and in glory I will even understand the beauty of that truth.

I find ever greater beauty in the truth of the cross.

This is a messed-up world.

It has Putins in it who seem to evade justice.

Then others die young from cancer or natural disaster.

Where is God? Where is justice? Where is hope?

I look to the cross and in Jesus I find truth – God’s justice and love meeting at the cross.

But even more – the truth has set me free eternally.

How do I know that when I die – I will live again?

Because the One who is truth said believe in Me and live.

Jesus is the same yesterday, today and forever.

Jesus is truth. He will do what He said.

Everyone and everything else in this life will let you down – not Jesus.

You can trust Christ to save you.

That is the great tragedy of the story of Pilate.

Truth was the One standing right before Him.

Denying that truth condemned Pilate.

Pilate handed Christ over. Washing his hands did not absolve him. He denied the only truth that could save him.

When he asked – What is truth?

What did He mean?

Was he some great first century philosopher saying – look – I don’t believe in God or absolute truths – so I deny your truth claim?

I don’t think so.

Nor is He saying – you think you are a King – God even – look that is Your truth but it is not my truth?

No – He is saying – I don’t know the truth – I don’t know if You are a King or a madman. I don’t think You should die – **but it is not worthy my while to sort out truth.**

The Jews will tell Caesar I let a dangerous man go – the truth is not worth it.

I think many live that way.

Maybe there is a God – maybe there isn’t.

To sort it out is too hard. What is truth?

One day Pilate died.

It will not be Jesus standing before Him – He will be standing before Jesus.

And Jesus will say – only one truth can save you eternally – the truth of who I am. And everything in Pilate will wish He had taken the time to answer His question fully.

What is truth?

Jesus is truth.

When Jesus says He loves us, He is our Shepherd, He will come back for us and He can give us eternal life – we can trust Him.

In John 17:17 Jesus said:

Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth.

Today, we don't have Jesus standing before us.

We can't go and hear Him speak truth.

But we have His Word – and His word is truth.

What is truth?

Jesus is truth?

Brothers and sisters – it matters to a degree if I believe Elvis is alive, 5G spreads COVID and Big Foot walks the earth.

But you know what – God has not spoken on these – I can only get close the truth.

But on other things He has spoken.

I am a sinner – there is a judgment – there is only one way to have life – trust in the death of Christ on the cross – **and live.**

Those are truths to build your life on.

Those are truths that will hold you fast through the toughest of times.

Those are truths that can never fail.

The truth will set you free.

Believe in Him and live.

10 Looks: Look 4 – Truth

Read – John 14:1-11 and John 18:28-38

In Christ, God has given us every truth for life and eternity. Trust Him and live.

General Questions:

1. How would you define truth?
2. Why is it impossible to define truth if there is no God?

Why is the best you can do to say you are close to truth but not certain of truth?

3. Why are philosophical theories of truth without God self-defeating?
4. What is the problem with saying something is **my truth**?
5. Why can we say – **God is truth**?
6. Why can we say – **Jesus is truth**?
7. If God is truth and we are imperfect – how can any man or woman know truth?
8. Why is believing in God the starting point for truth? (Prov 9:10).
9. In what way is Jesus the logos – or the truth?
10. Why was it hard to Thomas and Pilate to accept the truth?
11. How can we know Jesus' truth today?
12. How can we believe this truth today?
13. Why is the truth of Jesus the only way to free us now and eternally?
14. Why is the truth of Jesus the only way to know about life, morality and how to live?
15. In ways does the truth set us free?

Application Questions:

1. Do you struggle to accept the truth of the gospel?

2. Are you someone who just hears and accepts or do you need proofs like the resurrection?
3. How can knowing the truth help you in the tough times that inevitably come?
4. How can you answer someone who says the gospel is your truth – not my truth?
5. How can you share truth with friends or neighbours?

What convicted me in the message?

What moved me in the message?

What will I do in light of the message?