

What Is Truth? [Class Handout]

A Study in the Gospel of John

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*Pilate asked Jesus, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. **For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice**" (John 18:37).*

The first step in saving faith is believing the Bible is true. — Charles G. Finney

*Jesus said, "**Anyone who resolves to do the will of God will know whether my teaching is from God or whether I am speaking on my own**" (John 7:17).*

The Bible reveals the truth about reality, reason, and righteousness. — L.G. Parkhurst, Jr.

John 1:1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and **the Word was God.**

John 1:14 And **the Word became flesh and dwelt among us**, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, **full of grace and truth.**

John 1:12 But to all who **received him**, who **believed in his name**, **he gave power to become children of God.**

John 1:29 The next day John the Baptist saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, "Here is the **Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!**"

John 1:33-34 "I myself (John the Baptist) did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is **the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.** And I myself have seen and have testified that this is **the Son of God.**'"

John 1:37 The two disciples (Andrew and John) heard him say this, and **they followed Jesus.**

John 3:7-8 "Do not be astonished that I said to you, '**You must be born from above** (or born again).' The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. **So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.**"

John 3:16 "For **God so loved the world that he gave his only Son**, so that **everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.**"

John 8:31-32, 36 Then Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, *“If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free. So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed.”*

John 17:3 “And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent.”

John 14:1 “Do not let your hearts be troubled. **Believe in God, believe also in me.**”

John 14:6 “Jesus said to him (Thomas), ‘I am **the way, and the truth, and the life.** No one comes to the Father except through me.’”

John 14:10-11 “Do you not **believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me;** but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves.”

John 14:15-17 “If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. **You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.**”

John 14:23-24 Jesus answered him (Judas, not Iscariot), “**Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them.** Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and **the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me.**”

John 16:13-14 “When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you.”

John 17:3 “And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent.”

John 17:8 “For the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me.”

Joh 17:17-18 “Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world.”