

The Kingdom of Jesus: A Kingdom of Truth

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- The story of three umpires from the book called “Truth is Stranger Than it Used to Be.” By J. Richard Middleton
- Our culture says truth is “relative” and that we can create our own truth according to how we feel of what we want to believe

1) The Origin of Truth

- John 1:14 – The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and **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.
- Three categories of truth:
 - Truth about the Lord
 - Truth about ourselves and others
 - Truth about creation, His design
- John 16:13 – But when he, the Spirit of **truth**, comes, he will guide you into all the **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.
- Holy Spirit is ALSO the source of all truth, He leads us into truth, reveals it, and with Holy Spirit in us – we have truth in us, so when we encounter truth, it resonates in our hearts

2) All Truths are NOT created Equal

- Some are “normal”
 - Math
 - gravity
- some are “transformative”
 - The truth of Jesus and the gospel (Romans 1:16)
 - The truth about being seated with Christ in heavenly places (Ephesians 2:6)
 - The truth about being chosen, adopted and appointed as priests (1 Peter 2:9-10)

3) Truth and Freedom

- John 8:31-32 – John 8:31-32 - “To the Jews who had believed him, Jesus said, “If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.”
- Knowing vs. Believing
 - We are told to hold on to the truth...
 - There are particular truths that meet us where we are at in our lives, the key is to find out which truths we need to hold onto
- Truth vs. lies
 - Lies = bondage
 - Truth = freedom

Jesus Questions:

- 1) Lord, what lie do you want to identify in my life that has me in bondage?
- 2) Lord, what is the truth you want to show me that I need to hold on to?