

## JESUS IS THE TRUTH | EPISODE 6

### **Episode 6 Video Timestamps:**

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### **SESSION 1: THE WORD OF GOD**

Everyone is living by a standard of truth. Specifically, a standard of moral and spiritual truth as well as absolute truth about the world around us. Everyone is being led around by what they believe is the truth and it shapes their worldview and ultimately determines their way of life.<sup>1</sup>

You're allowing something or some set of ideas to determine what's right/wrong, good/bad, life/death for you. There are truths about our temporary world around us and there is eternal truth that will outlast the very ground we stand on.

Jesus actually tells us that the heavens and earth will pass away but His words will not. The true words of Jesus will outlast the very ground we stand on, so it would make sense that we should build our life on His truth. The truth you build your life on matters.

But, more than truth being a set of principles and ideas, truth is actually a person.

**HE IS ABSOLUTE TRUTH. HE IS MORAL TRUTH. HE IS SPIRITUAL TRUTH. HE IS THE STANDARD OF TRUTH.**

### **JESUS IS TRUTH:**

*John 14:6 - Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and **the truth**, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me*

*Ephesians 4:21 - assuming that you have heard about him and were taught in him, as **the truth is in Jesus,***

### **TRUTH IN THE OLD TESTAMENT:**

Psalm 25:5 - **Lead me in your truth** and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all the day long.

Psalm 43:3 - **Send out your light and your truth;** let them lead me; let them bring me to your holy hill and to your dwelling!

Psalm 51:6 - Behold, **you delight in truth** in the inward being, and you teach me wisdom in the secret heart

Psalm 86:11 - Teach me your way, O LORD, that I may **walk in your truth;** unite my heart to **fear your name**

Psalm 119:60 - The sum of **your word is truth,** and every one of your **righteous rules** endures forever.

## **GOD'S WORD IS TRUTH | JESUS AS THE WORD:**

### THE Lord Is God Visibly Appearing To People

**Genesis 15:1-6** - After these things **the word of the Lord came** to Abram **in a vision:** "Fear not, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." **2** But Abram said, "**O Lord God,** what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" **3** And Abram said, "Behold, you have given me no offspring, and a member of my household will be my heir." **4** And behold, **the word of the Lord came to him:** "This man shall not be your heir; your very own son shall be your heir." **5** And **he brought him outside** and said, "Look toward heaven, and number the stars, if you are able to number them." Then **he said to him,** "So shall your offspring be." **6** And he believed the Lord, and he counted it to him as righteousness.

**1 Samuel 3:19-21** - And Samuel grew, and the Lord was with him and let none of his words fall to the ground. **20** And all Israel from Dan to Beersheba knew that Samuel was established as a prophet of the Lord. **21** And **the Lord appeared again** at Shiloh, for **the Lord revealed himself** to Samuel at Shiloh **by the word of the Lord.**

**Jeremiah 1:6-9** - Then I said, "Ah, Lord GOD! Behold, I do not know how to speak, for I am only a youth." But the LORD said to me, "Do not say, 'I am only a youth'; for to all to whom I send you, you shall go, and whatever I command you, you shall speak. Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, declares the LORD." Then the LORD put out his hand and touched my mouth. And the LORD said to me, "Behold, I have put my words in your mouth.

**1 Kings 19:9-14** - There he came to a cave and lodged in it. And behold, the word of the LORD came to him, and he said to him, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" He said, "I have been very jealous for the LORD, the God of hosts. For the people of Israel have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword, and I, even I only, am left, and they seek my life, to take it away." And he said, "Go out and stand on the mount before the LORD." And behold, the LORD passed by, and a great and strong wind tore the mountains and broke in pieces the rocks before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind. And after the wind an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake. And after the earthquake a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire. And after the fire the sound of a low whisper. And when Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his cloak and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. And behold, there came a voice to him and said, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" He said, "I have been very jealous for the LORD, the God of hosts. For the people of Israel have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword, and I, even I only, am left, and they seek my life, to take it away."

### Who Is The Word Of God?

**John 1:1, 14** - In the beginning was **the Word**, and **the Word was with God**, and **the Word was God. 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.

**Revelation 19:11-13** - Then I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse! The one sitting on it is called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he judges and makes war. **12** His eyes are like a flame of fire, and on his head are many diadems, and he has a name written that no one knows but himself. **13** He is clothed in a robe dipped in blood, and the name by which **he is called is The Word of God.**

After Christ, the angel of the Lord doesn't show up anymore...how come? But, who does show up? Jesus Christ to Saul on the way to Damascus

### **SESSION 1: PERSONAL APPLICATION QUESTION**

- Read through the Scriptures for this week and think about how God defines truth.

### **SESSION 1: GROUP QUESTIONS**

1. What is truth and why does it even matter?

2. Everyone has a standard of truth that they live by. What does our standard of truth matter, and how does our perception of truth practically affect our lives?
3. [Read the 5 Psalms about truth in your notes] What do these Psalms tell us about God's truth?
4. The word of the Lord appears to people in the New Testament, almost as a kind of personal being. What do you believe is going on in these passages?
5. Based on your conclusions, how does this change the way that we understand truth?
6. How can you tell when a community of people value the truth of God's word? What will be the evidence of this?
7. How do we encourage other believers to delight in God's word and pursue His truth? How can a community of believers cultivate an environment that encourages this?

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## **SESSION 2: JESUS IS THE TRUTH**

*John 1:17 - For the law was given through Moses; **grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.***

*John 17:17-19 - Sanctify them in the truth; **your word is truth.** As you sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. And for their sake **I consecrate myself**, that they also may be **sanctified in truth.***

*Colossians 1:5 - because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. Of this you have heard before **in the word of the truth**, the gospel, which has come to you, as indeed in the whole world it is bearing fruit and increasing—as it also does among you, since the day you heard it and understood the grace of God in truth,*

*John 8:31-32 - So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed him, "If you **abide in my word**, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth, and **the truth will set you free.**"*

## **SESSION 2: PERSONAL APPLICATION QUESTION**

- Read through the Scriptures for this week and consider what they say about God's word.

## **SESSION 2: GROUP QUESTIONS**

1. How has God led you deeper into the truth of His word this week? Give specific examples.
2. What does it mean to "delight" in God's word? And, have you noticed yourself delighting more in God's word?
3. How can you begin to delight more in God's word this week?
4. John 14:6 says that Jesus is the "truth." What does Jesus mean here when He says this? [Consider the other ideas in this verse and how they connect to truth.]
5. Why is one of the names of Jesus "the word of God?" What does this tell us about who Jesus is and what He came to do?
6. Jesus is the living word of God, and we are to follow Him by walking in the truth. When we live according to God's word, is it safe to say that the word of God is "becoming flesh" through our lives? Why or why not?
7. What are some obstacles we can expect to face when we, as a community choose to live according to God's word as our source of truth?

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## **SESSION 3: WALKING IN THE TRUTH**

*James 1:18 - Of his own will he brought us forth **by the word of truth**, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures.*

*1 John 2:4 - Whoever says "I know him" but does not keep his commandments is a liar, and the **truth is not in him**, but whoever **keeps his word**, in him truly the love of God is perfected. By this we may know that we are **in him**: whoever says he abides in him ought to **walk in the same way in which he walked**.*

*1 John 3:18 - Little children, let us **not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth**.*

Ephesians 6:14 - Stand therefore, having fastened on **the belt of truth**, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness,

Romans 2:8 - but for those who are self-seeking and do **not obey the truth**, but obey unrighteousness, there will be wrath and fury.

1 Timothy 2:4 - who desires all people to be saved and to come **to the knowledge of the truth**.

2 Timothy 2:15 - Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, **rightly handling the word of truth**.

Ephesians 4:15-16 - Rather, **speaking the truth in love**, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it **builds itself up in love**.

2 John 1:1-4 - The elder to the elect lady and her children, whom I love in truth, and not only I, but also all who know the truth, because of the **truth that abides in us** and will be with us forever: Grace, mercy, and peace will be with us, from God the Father and from Jesus Christ the Father's Son, **in truth and love**. I rejoiced greatly to find some of your children walking in the truth, just as we were commanded by the Father.

John 4:23-24 - But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will **worship the Father in spirit and truth**, for the Father is seeking such people to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must **worship in spirit and truth.**"

John 15:26 - "But when the Helper comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, **the Spirit of truth**, who proceeds from the Father, he will bear witness about me.

John 16:13 - When **the Spirit of truth comes**, he will guide you **into all the truth**, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come.

### **SESSION 3: PERSONAL APPLICATION QUESTION**

- Read through the Scriptures for this week and think how truth changes our life.

### **SESSION 3: GROUP QUESTIONS**

1. John 17:17 tells us that one of the main ways God transforms us, is by His word. Have you seen evidence of God's word transforming your life recently?
2. In Joh 8:31, Jesus says to "abide in His word." What does this mean, and how do we do it?
3. James 1:18 describes our born-again experience. What does it mean that God's word "brought us forth?" Consider what role God's word plays in our salvation.
4. Ephesians 6:14 tells us to "put on the belt of truth." What will this practically look like for us?
5. John 16:13 describes part of the Holy Spirit's role as leading us into the truth. How can we, as a community, position ourselves to be led into the truth by God's Spirit? What can we do?
6. John 4:23-24 says we ought to worship God in Spirit and truth. How do we practically do this as a community? How might this affect the way we plan and structure our corporate worship?