

"On the Side of Truth"

Breaking the Code:

Seek the Truth
Treasure the Truth
Live the truth

Truth requires becoming a disciple (learner)

The condition of discipleship: Hold Jesus' teachings
The benefit of discipleship: Know the truth
The promise of discipleship: Be set free

Truth is the answer to life's greatest problems:

Sin, and its bondage
Death, and its curse

But there is a nagging question:

How can we really KNOW the truth?

Barriers to knowing the truth:

The matter of openness
The matter of desire
The matter of discernment
The matter of obedience

Jesus makes an astounding statement:

The truth is not in what we know,
It is found in who we know
Jesus says: "I am the truth"
"No one....except through me"

That changes everything:

To know the truth is to know Jesus
To have the truth is to have Jesus
To live the truth is to live Jesus

On what side of the truth are you?

John 8:31-36

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."

33 They answered him, "We are Abraham's descendants and have never been slaves of anyone. How can you say that we shall be set free?"

34 Jesus replied, "I tell you the truth, everyone who sins is a slave to sin. 35 Now a slave has no permanent place in the family, but a son belongs to it forever. 36 So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed."

John 14:1-7

14:1 "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God; trust also in me. 2 In my Father's house are many rooms; if it were not so, I would have told you. I am going there to prepare a place for you. 3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. 4 You know the way to the place where I am going."

5 Thomas said to him, "Lord, we don't know where you are going, so how can we know the way?"

6 Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. 7 If you really knew me, you would know my Father as well. From now on, you do know him and have seen him."

John 18:36-40

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. With this he went out again to the Jews and said, "I find no basis for a charge against him. 39 But it is your custom for me to release to you one prisoner at the time of the Passover. Do you want me to release 'the king of the Jews'?"

40 They shouted back, "No, not him! Give us Barabbas!" Now Barabbas had taken part in a rebellion.

Sermon Notes

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John 18:28-40

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