

John 18:38 and Selected Scriptures
What is Truth? 10 Truths for Truth Seekers
(pt. 1)

INTRO: “What IS truth?” Ask some of your unsaved friends how they’d answer this question.

How would you answer John 18:38a? How does the Word of God answer this ultimate question?

“Most men would rather deny a hard truth than face it.”

“Facts do not cease to exist because they are ignored.” Others wrongly believe that “Whatever satisfies the soul is truth.”

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1) **The Truth is _____ revealed and _____
in and through Jesus Christ.**

(John 1:14-18; 8:31-32; 44; 14:6; Hebrews 1:1-4)

2) **True Truth is disclosed in the _____.**

(John 10:35; Mt. 5:17-18; 2 Tim. 2:15; 3:16-17; Psalm 19:10; 86:11)

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3) **The Truth is Out There (But So are _____ Lies)**

(2 Cor. 10:5-7; 11:13-15; Jude 3-4; Psalm 19:12-14; 86:11)

4) **The Truth _____ is what distinguishes the sheep from the goats.**

(John 10:1-11; 12:37-50; 18:37; Ephesians 2:1-8; 1 John 3:19; 1 Tim. 3:15)

For Further Reflection/Application: *Lord help us to be doers of the Word and not just hearers!*

What is the most important thing you heard today? How were you encouraged, challenged, and/or convicted? What do you want to study further as a result of today's message?

View your answers from last Sunday (see question below) and rate how you did with the opportunities the Lord gave you. *Write down the name of 2-3 unsaved friends/neighbors/classmates/co-workers that you have regular interaction with. Pray Colossians 4:2-6 daily for yourself and for your church family at LCBC. Jesus said, "Follow Me and I will make you fishers of men." Are we faithfully fishing? Acts 1:8*

Ask some of your unsaved friends how they'd answer the ultimate question: "What IS Truth?" Let Pastor Caleb know what you discover/hear/find out.

Is true truth discernable? Do you believe in absolute truth or is the truth relative? "As Christians we affirm the correspondence theory of truth. In other words, truth is that which conforms to reality. In the face of postmodern relativism, we must emphatically resist any suggestion that ultimate, objective truths do not exist. Though we may not accurately perceive or understand the real world at times, the same does not apply to the Almighty. Therefore, truth is that which conforms to reality as it is perceived by God. He knows all things exhaustively, and so we can trust anything He reveals in Scripture. Truth is not defined by our own subjective standards; it is determined by the Source of truth Himself."

Talk about some of the consequences (intended and unintended) of lies & neatly packaged deceptions, etc. In what sense is Satan the father of lies and master of deceit? John 8:44; 2 Cor. 11:13-15.

What is discernment? How does knowing and loving the Bible help us to not be duped or easily led astray?

Is Jesus the way, the truth, and the life? Defend your answer. Is He a liar, a lunatic or Lord? Note John 1:14-18; 8:31-32; 14:6; 17:3; Romans 3:4; Titus 1:2; Hebrews 1:1-4; 6:18. Revelation 19:11. The "God of truth" must, by definition, always tell the truth. The Christian church is called to defend and proclaim the truth (1 Tim. 3:15; Jude 3). See also Eph. 4:15 and 1 John 3:19.

How does reading, studying, listening to, and singing the Word of God benefit us as we go about our daily affairs? Is the Bible the Holy Word of God? Is it trustworthy and true?

What are some of the most alluring "neatly packaged lies" in the world today? How does Satan lead people away from the truth? What is his end game?

Receiving the truth by faith distinguishes the sheep from the goats. Explain what this means and why it matters. How does God's redeeming grace tie into this? What does the Spirit of truth have to do with our salvation? John 15:26-27; 16:7-8; Ephesians 2:1-8.

John 18:28-38: Eight Sermon Planks

1) The Lamb's Death March for Life.

(John 18:28; Isaiah 53:7-8; Mark 10:45; Luke 9:51)

2) The Trial Within the Trial.

(John 18:29-31)

3) The "What Sinners Intend for Evil, God Work for Good" Reminder.

(John 18:32; Acts 2:22-4)

4) The Royal Interrogation.

(What kind of King are you? Is Jesus the King of the Jews? *John 18:33*)

5) The Ultimate Life and Death Question

(What do YOU believe about Jesus? *John 18:34*; Matthew 16:13-18)

6) The Indignant Counter-Questions.

(*John 18:35, 37-38*)

7) The Nature of Jesus' Glorious Kingdom!

(*John 18:36, 37b*; Mt. 6:10-11; Col. 1:12-14; Rev. 19-20)

8) The Cynical (What IS Truth?) Question.

(*John 18:38*)

No less than 5 Factors Contributed to the "Bad Blood" between the Jews and Rome:

1) *Taxes, Taxes, Taxes.*

2) *Roman Occupation and the Loss of National Sovereignty.*

3) *Dirty Politics and Bad Actors.*

4) *Unkosher Policies; such as "Romanization."*

5) *At times, the Jewish Populace Itself.*

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