



"And now I commend you to God and to the word of His grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified." (Acts 20:32)

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WHAT IS TRUTH?

INTRODUCTION

The Bible teaches us many reasonsⁱ why Jesus came into this world . . . but when Jesus stands before Pilate, prior to His crucifixion He makes a clear statement of His purpose.

TEXT: [John 18: 33-40](#)

THE NARRATIVE

WHAT IS THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN KINGDOM & TRUTH?

So, here is the expositor's question: What is the connection between kingdom and truth?

The obvious implication for Pilate is that if Pilate really wanted to know the truth, He would enter Christ's kingdom as Christ's citizen and give Jesus his serious attention.

JESUS CAME TO ESTABLISH A KINGDOM OF TRUTH

The point of this dialogue and what should get our attention this morning is this: Jesus came to establish a kingdom, a kingdom of truth.

John 1:14, 17; John 14:6; John 15:26; John 17:17, 19; Ephesians 1:13; 1 Timothy 2:4; 1 Timothy 3:15; Romans 1:18, 25; and 2 Thessalonians 2:9–12

CONCLUSION

“What’s the big deal about truth?”

Life/death

Heaven/Hell

Glory/wrath

Truth matters.

APPLICATION

- 1) ¹ He came to reveal God to humans. *“No one has ever seen God; the only God, who is at the Father’s side, he has made him known.”* (John 1:18, ESV)
- 2) He came to save His people. *“She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.”* (Matthew 1:21, ESV)
- 3) He came to fulfill the requirements of the law. *“Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. For truly, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the Law until all is accomplished.”* (Matthew 5:17–18, ESV)
- 4) He came to destroy the works of the Devil. *“Whoever makes a practice of sinning is of the devil, for the devil has been sinning from the beginning. The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the works of the devil.”* (1 John 3:8, ESV)

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- 5) He came to fulfill the promises to Israel. *“For I tell you that Christ became a servant to the circumcised to show God’s truthfulness, in order to confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written, “Therefore I will praise you among the Gentiles, and sing to your name.”*” (Romans 15:8–9, ESV)