

# Jesus is the Truth

**Text:** Jn 14:6 “Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through Me.”

## What does it mean that Jesus is the truth?

1. Jesus knows the truth about all things.
2. Jesus’ speaks the truth.
3. Jesus embodies the truth.
4. Jesus reveals the truth in others.

Let’s expand these four ideas...

### I. **Jesus is the truth in that he knows the truth about all things.**

- a. Jesus knows the full truth about the Father.

Mt 11:27 “All things have been handed over to Me by My Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father; nor does anyone know the Father except the Son, and anyone to whom the Son wills to reveal *Him*.

- i. The reason Jesus knows the Father truly is because he from Him.

Jn 7:29 “I know the Father, because I am from Him, and He sent Me.”

- ii. No one could accurately know the Father apart from Jesus.

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- iii. Because Jesus knows the Father, he is able to pass that knowledge onto his people, so that they can worship him in truth.

Jn 4:20-23 20 “Our fathers worshiped in this mountain, and you *people* say that in Jerusalem is the place where men ought to worship.” 21 Jesus said to her, “Woman, believe Me, an hour is coming when neither in this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father. 22 “You worship what you do not know; *we* worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. 23 “But an hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for such people the Father seeks to be His worshipers.

- b. Jesus knows the full truth about men’s hearts.

- i. Jesus can identify falsehood in people

Mt 9:3-4 3 And some of the scribes said to themselves, “This *fellow* blasphemes.” 4 And Jesus knowing their thoughts said, “Why are you thinking evil in your hearts?” (Also Mt 12:25, Mk12:15)

- ii. Jesus can identify those who truly belong to him.

Jn 10:14 “I am the good shepherd, and I know My own and My own know Me.”

- c. Jesus knows the full truth about the future.

- i. In his lifetime, Jesus knew what would happen in the immediate future.

Jn 16:28-30 28 “I came forth from the Father and have come into the world; I am leaving the world again and going to the Father.” 29 His disciples said, “Lo, now You are speaking plainly and are not using a figure of speech. 30 “Now we know that You know all things, and have no need for anyone to question You; by this we believe that You came from God.”

Jn 18:4 So Jesus, knowing all the things that were coming upon Him, went forth and said to them, “Whom do you seek?”

- ii. Jesus knows what will happen in the distant future.

Mk 13:5-9 5 And Jesus began to say to them, “See to it that no one misleads you. 6 “Many will come in My name, saying, ‘I am He!’ and will mislead many. 7 “When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be frightened; those things must take place; but *that is*

not yet the end. 8 “For nation will rise up against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will also be famines. These things are merely the beginning of birth pangs. 9 “But be on your guard; for they will deliver you to *the* courts, and you will be flogged in *the* synagogues, and you will stand before governors and kings for My sake, as a testimony to them.

1. There is only one area of knowledge concerning the future that Christ admitted he did not know.

Mt 24:35-36 35 “Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will not pass away. 36 “But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but the Father alone.

2. However, this should not distract us from the fact that everything Jesus knew about the future was true and trustworthy.

iii. Application:

1. Jesus knows everything about our hearts. We can never deceive or trick him.
2. Jesus is unique. We worship a Savior that is unlike any other. He knows God perfectly.

## II. **Jesus is the truth in that his words and teaching are 100% true.**

- a. The reason Jesus came into the world was to speak truth about God.

Jn 18:37 Therefore Pilate said to Him, “So You are a king?” Jesus answered, “You say *correctly* that I am a king. For this I have been born, and for this I have come into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth hears My voice.”

- b. During his ministry, Jesus claimed that his words were the absolute truth.

Lk 4:24-26 24 And He said, “Truly I say to you, no prophet is welcome in his hometown. 25 “But I say to you in truth, there were many widows in Israel in the days of Elijah, when the sky was shut up for three years and six months, when a great famine came over all the land; 26 and yet Elijah was sent to none of them, but only to Zarephath, *in the land* of Sidon, to a woman who was a widow.

Jn 8:40 “But as it is, you are seeking to kill Me, a man who has told you the truth, which I heard from God; this Abraham did not do.

Jn 8:31 So Jesus was saying to those Jews who had believed Him, “If you continue in My word, then you are truly disciples of Mine; 32 and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.”

c. Jesus had a reputation among the people of only speaking the truth.

i. Even Jesus’ enemies knew of this reputation.

Mt 22:15-16 15 Then the Pharisees went and plotted together how they might trap Him in what He said. 16 And they sent their disciples to Him, along with the Herodians, saying, “Teacher, we know that You are truthful and teach the way of God in truth, and defer to no one; for You are not partial to any.

ii. Jesus spoke the truth to such a degree that people regarded him extraordinary.

Jn 4:16-19 16 He said to her, “Go, call your husband and come here.” 17 The woman answered and said, “I have no husband.” Jesus said to her, “You have correctly said, ‘I have no husband’; 18 for you have had five husbands, and the one whom you now have is not your husband; this you have said truly.” 19 The woman said to Him, “Sir, I perceive that You are a prophet.”

Jn 14:29 “Come, see a man who told me all the things that I have done; this is not the Christ, is it?”

d. Jesus’ words are so equated with truth that the Gospel he revealed is known as “the message of truth”.

Eph 1:13 In Him, you also, after listening to the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation—having also believed, you were sealed in Him with the Holy Spirit of promise

e. The fact that Jesus told the truth stands in contrast to the devil, who is known as “the father of lies”.

Jn 8:44 “You are of *your* father the devil, and you want to do the desires of your father. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth because there is no truth in him. Whenever he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own nature, for he is a liar and the father of lies.”

f. Just because Jesus taught the truth does not mean that everyone accepted what he said. Many rejected his claims.

i. The Jews rejected his claims of being equal to the Father.

Jn 8:58-59 58 Jesus said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was born, I am.” 59 Therefore they picked up stones to throw at Him, but Jesus hid Himself and went out of the temple.  
Jn 10:30-31 30 “I and the Father are one.” 31 The Jews picked up stones again to stone Him.

ii. The Pharisees rejected the claim that he could drive out demons by God’s authority.

Mt 9:34 But the Pharisees were saying, “He casts out the demons by the ruler of the demons.”

iii. The chief priests rejected Jesus’ claims that they were evil stewards of God’s house.

(Mt 21:33-41 – Jesus tells a parable about wicked vine-growers who kill their employer’s servants, but are then judged when he returns.)

Mt 21:45-46 45 When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard His parables, they understood that He was speaking about them. 46 When they sought to seize Him, they feared the people, because they considered Him to be a prophet.

iv. Pilate rejected Jesus’ claim of possessing absolute truth.

Jn 18-37-38 37 Therefore Pilate said to Him, “So You are a king?” Jesus answered, “You say *correctly* that I am a king. For this I have been born, and for this I have come into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth hears My voice.” 38 Pilate said to Him, “What is truth?”

g. Application:

i. Many people today have a big problem with the idea of one religion possessing absolute truth.

ii. It should not surprise us when people reject Jesus Christ, even though his words are entirely true and irrefutable.

1. Jesus articulated truth perfectly, yet people still rejected what he had to say.

2. This shows that we cannot win a person to Christ just by logical arguments alone.
- iii. Because Jesus speaks only the truth, we can trust in him in everything he says.

**III. Jesus is the truth in that he embodies the truth. He lived out the truth he taught perfectly.**

- a. Truth is a characteristic of each member of the Trinity. Because it is a part of the Father and Spirit, so it is true of the Son.

Jn 1:14-16 “And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us, and we saw His glory, glory as of the only begotten from the Father, full of grace and truth. 15 John testified about Him and cried out, saying, “This was He of whom I said, ‘He who comes after me has a higher rank than I, for He existed before me.’ ” 16 For of His fullness we have all received, and grace upon grace.

- i. The Father is characterized by truth.

Rev 15:3 “Great and marvelous are Your works, O Lord God, the Almighty; Righteous and true are Your ways, King of the nations.

- ii. The Holy Spirit is characterized by truth.

Jn 14:16-17 16 “I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may be with you forever; 17 that is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it does not see Him or know Him, *but* you know Him because He abides with you and will be in you.

- iii. The Son is also characterized by truth.

Rev 19:11 And I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse, and He who sat on it is called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He judges and wages war.

1 Jn 5:20 And we know that the Son of God has come, and has given us understanding so that we may know Him who is true; and we are in Him who is true, in His Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God and eternal life.

- b. Jesus lived out the truth that he revealed to his disciples.
  - i. He demonstrated the servant attitude that he preached to his disciples.

Mt 20:26 “It is not this way among you, but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant.”

Jn 13:5 Then He poured water into the basin, and began to wash the disciples’ feet and to wipe them with the towel with which He was girded.

- ii. He “turned the other cheek” in his submission to the cross, just as He taught.

Mt 5:38-39 38 “You have heard that it was said, ‘AN EYE FOR AN EYE, AND A TOOTH FOR A TOOTH.’ 39 “But I say to you, do not resist an evil person; but whoever slaps you on your right cheek, turn the other to him also.”

Isa 53:7 He was oppressed and He was afflicted, Yet He did not open His mouth; Like a lamb that is led to slaughter, And like a sheep that is silent before its shearers, So He did not open His mouth.

- iii. He did not grasp after power or riches or glory, just as he instructed his followers.

Lk 9:58 And Jesus said to him, “The foxes have holes and the birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay His head.”

Philip 2:6 who, although He existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped,

- iv. He lived according to the perfect standard he had laid out for his disciples.

Mt 5:48 “Therefore you are to be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect.”

1 Pet 2:22 (Jesus Christ)...WHO COMMITTED NO SIN, NOR WAS ANY DECEIT FOUND IN HIS MOUTH.

- v. By living out the truth perfectly, Jesus revealed the full meaning of the Law of God.

Jn 1:17 For the Law was given through Moses; grace and truth were realized through Jesus Christ.”

c. Application:

- i. We see that truth is more than mere factual accuracy. To be a Christian of truth requires that we live it out (embody it.)

1 Jn 2:4 The one who says, "I have come to know Him," and does not keep His commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him;

- ii. As a church, we have a responsibility to uphold the truth in doctrine and in conduct.

1 Tim 3:15 but in case I am delayed, *I write* so that you will know how one ought to conduct himself in the household of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and support of the truth.

- iii. When we witness to others, we must not only proclaim the truth but also live it out.

**IV. Jesus is the truth in that he reveals truth or falsehood in others.**

- a. Jesus convicts people to speak the truth.

Mark 5:30-33 30 Immediately Jesus, perceiving in Himself that the power *proceeding* from Him had gone forth, turned around in the crowd and said, "Who touched My garments?" 31 And His disciples said to Him, "You see the crowd pressing in on You, and You say, 'Who touched Me?' " 32 And He looked around to see the woman who had done this. 33 But the woman fearing and trembling, aware of what had happened to her, came and fell down before Him and told Him the whole truth.

- b. Jesus' embodiment of truth has a polarizing effect on people.

- i. Jesus' truth draws the elect to Himself.

Jn 3:19-21 19 "This is the judgment, that the Light has come into the world, and men loved the darkness rather than the Light, for their deeds were evil. 20 "For everyone who does evil hates the Light, and does not come to the Light for fear that his deeds will be exposed. 21 "But he who practices the truth comes to the Light, so that his deeds may be manifested as having been wrought in God."

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- ii. Jesus' truth produces anger and rebellion in those who do not believe.

Jn 8:40 "But as it is, you are seeking to kill Me, a man who has told you the truth, which I heard from God; this Abraham did not do.

Jn 8:45 "But because I speak the truth, you do not believe Me."

c. Application:

- i. When we read the Gospels, we often can become convicted of our own unworthiness, just by looking at Jesus.
- ii. It is often very interesting how mentioning the name "Jesus Christ" in a secular conversation can turn the whole room silent.

Conclusion: