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John 18: 33-40

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"We tend to make Christianity a religion of merits, but it is a religion of grace & truth. You become a good person because you are loved and walk with integrity. You are not loved just because you are

Pilate then went back inside the palace, summoned Jesus and asked him, "Are you the king of the Jews?" "Is that your own idea," Jesus asked, "or did others talk to you about me?"

John 18:33-34 NIV

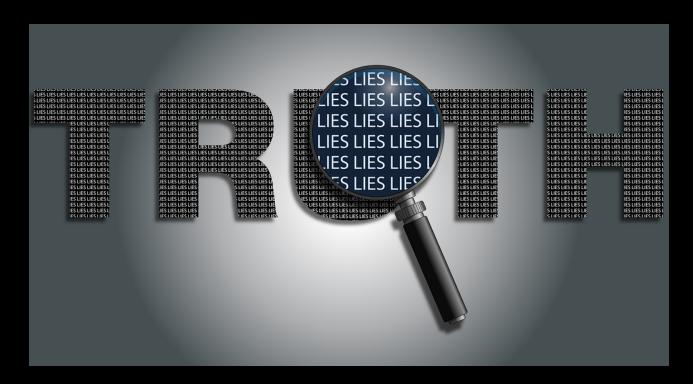




#### SEARCHING THE TRUTH

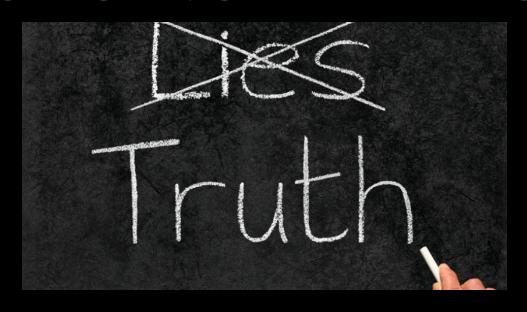
"Am I a Jew?" Pilate replied. "Your own people and chief priests handed you over to me. What is it you have done?" Jesus said, "My kingdom is not of this world. If it were, my servants would fight to prevent my arrest by the Jewish leaders. But now my kingdom is from another place." "You are a king, then!" said Pilate. Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. In fact, the reason I was born and came into the world is to testify to the truth. Everyone on the side of truth listens to me." John 18:35-37 NIV

# Truth is whatever is left over after people twist the facts.





### What is the Truth? ENGAGING THE TRUTH



I have become convinced that much of so-called tolerance is simply a screen for falseness.



Yet we are told that when it comes to morality, and righteousness, and holiness, we ought to be tolerant.









"What is truth?" retorted Pilate. With this he went out again to the Jews gathered there and said, "I find no basis for a charge against him. "John 18:3 NIV



What is the Truth? EMBODYING THE TRUTH.



## Jesus did not say "You shall know <u>a</u>truth," but "You shall know <u>the</u> truth." The Lord Jesus said there is truth that is absolute.

Jesus said,

Sanctify them by the truth;
your word is truth.
John 17:17 NIV

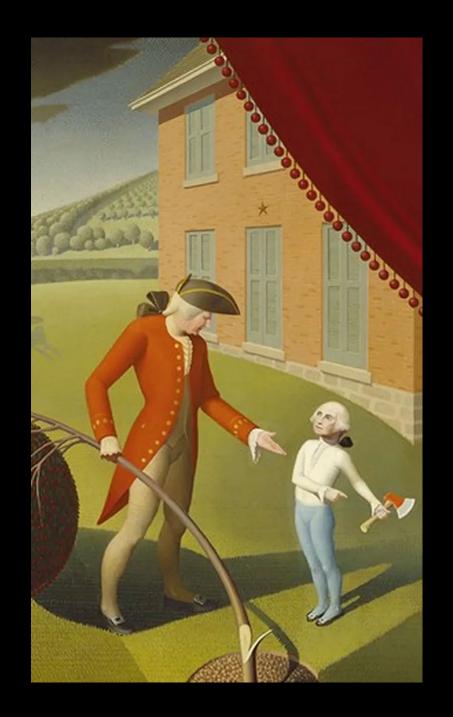


To the Jews who had believed him, Jesus said, "If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."

John 8:31-32 NIV

It is a lot easier to reflect upon the truth than to reflect the truth ourselves.





I have discovered that the problem with most people is not in finding the truth, but in facing the truth.

