

“Jesus’ Love Never Fails”

“The Absence of Truth”

1 John 4:1-6, 13-16

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How do we discern whether someone is speaking from God?

1)THEY SPEAK IN AGREEMENT WITH SCRIPTURE (1 John 1:1, 5; 4:6)

2)THEY DECLARE JESUS ...FULLY GOD/FULLY MAN (1 John 4:1-3)

3)THEY SPEAK IN HUMILITY & BRING PEACE (1 John 4:13-16)

Sermon Notes

Consider Memorizing

‘Dear friends, do not believe everyone who claims to speak by the Spirit. You must test them to see if the spirit they have comes from God. For there are many false prophets in the world.’ (1 John 4:1, NLT)

Sermon based questions for further reflection:

- 1.RECONNECT... i) What was the high point of your week?
 ii) What was the low point of your week?

- 2.RECAP... Review the passage and [the message from this Sunday](#).
What is [1 John 4:1-6,13-16](#) about, in your own words?

- i)What does John command in v1?

How do you feel about John commanding something?

- ii)What else has John said about false prophets? ([1 John 2:18-29](#))

*How can a Christian distinguish a true prophet from a false one? (2:20-23)
What role does the church have in this discernment?*

([1 John 1:3](#); [1 John 2:28-29](#); [1 John 4:6](#))

- iii)What do you believe about Jesus?

...what difference does it make if He was truly human? ([Hebrews 2:17](#); [4:15](#))

... Truly divine? ([John 1:1-5,14](#); [Matthew 23:37](#))

- iv)What does the “fruit” of someone’s life tell us? ([Galatians 5:19-25](#))

- 2.REVIEW ... What is Jesus speaking to you about from this passage and this discussion? (write it out...)

- 3.RESPOND... what are you willing to do about the things that Jesus is speaking to you about? (write it out... calendar it?)

Some words to help you pray...

Unshakable, immovable, Faithful and true;

Full of wisdom, strength and beauty: These things are true of You.

Fearless, courageous, Righteousness shines in all You do;

Yet You’re so humble, You laid down Your life: These things are true of You.

And as I turn my face to You, Oh Lord, I ask and pray,

By the power of Your love and grace, make these things true of me, too.

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Zondervan/Maranatha “The NIV Worship Bible” p. 1651

Some questions adapted from “NIV Serendipity Bible” p.1713&14