

What is God's Truth?

The Ultimate Triumph – Part 9

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John 14:6a (ESV) Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

John 17:17 (ESV) Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth.

1. Standing for the _____

Luke 23:1-2 (ESV) Then the whole company of them arose and brought him before Pilate. And they began to accuse him, saying, “We found this man misleading our nation and forbidding us to give tribute to Caesar, and saying that he himself is Christ, a king.”

Luke 23:3-4 (ESV) And Pilate asked him, “Are you the King of the Jews?” And he answered him, “You have said so.” Then Pilate said to the chief priests and the crowds, “I find no guilt in this man.”

Luke 23:5 (ESV) But they were urgent, saying, “He stirs up the people, teaching throughout all Judea, from Galilee even to this place.”

2. Using _____ wisely

Luke 23:8-9 (ESV) When Herod saw Jesus, he was very glad, for he had long desired to see him, because he had heard about him, and he was hoping to see some sign done by him. So he questioned him at some length, but he made no answer.

Luke 23:10-11 (ESV) The chief priests and the scribes stood by, vehemently accusing him. And Herod with his soldiers treated him with contempt and mocked him. Then, arraying him in splendid clothing, he sent him back to Pilate.

Luke 23:13-14 (ESV) Pilate then called together the chief priests and the rulers and the people, and said to them, “You brought me this man as one who was misleading the people. And after examining him before you, behold, I did not find this man guilty of any of your charges against him.

Luke 23:15-16 (ESV) Neither did Herod, for he sent him back to us. Look, nothing deserving death has been done by him. I will therefore punish and release him.”

3. Making the right _____

Luke 23:18-19 (ESV) But they all cried out together, “Away with this man, and release to us Barabbas”— a man who had been thrown into prison for an insurrection started in the city and for murder.

Luke 23:20-22 (ESV) Pilate addressed them once more, desiring to release Jesus, but they kept shouting, “Crucify, crucify him!” A third time he said to them, “Why, what evil has he done? I have found in him no guilt deserving death. I will therefore punish and release him.”

Luke 23:23-25 (ESV) But they were urgent, demanding with loud cries that he should be crucified. And their voices prevailed. So Pilate decided that their demand should be granted. He released the man who had been thrown into prison for insurrection and murder, for whom they asked, but he delivered Jesus over to their will.

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Intro. In what ways is God's truth like a compass for our lives?

What did Jesus mean when He said that "I am the truth" (John 14:6)?

Explain what John 17:17 tells us about the truth.

- 1A. Why did the Jewish leaders make false accusations about Jesus (Luke 23:1-2)?
- 1B. What is significant about the fact that Pilate found Jesus not guilty of the charges against him (Luke 23:3-4)?
- 1C. How did the crowd react to Pilate's verdict (Luke 23:5)? Why?
- 1D. What type of false accusations do Christians and the church face today? How should we respond to those accusations?

- 2A. Why do you think that Jesus did not answer Herod's questions (Luke 23:8-9)?
- 2B. What was behind the attack on Jesus in Herod's palace (Luke 23:10-11)?
- 2C. Why did Pilate decide to punish Jesus when neither he nor Herod found Jesus guilty of anything (Luke 23:13-16)?
- 2D. In what ways can you be an influencer for Jesus?
- 3A. What is striking about the crowd's demand in Luke 23:18-19?
- 3B. What does Pilate's repeated refusal to sentence Jesus to death tell us about the crowd (Luke 23:20-22)?
- 3C. Why did Pilate ultimately give in to the crowd's demand to crucify Jesus (Luke 23:23-25)?
- 3D. In what ways is every one of us guilty of being in the crowd calling for Jesus' crucifixion? How can you grow in making the right choices and not following the crowd?