

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO
JOHN

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THE KING OF TRUTH

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JOHN 18:28-40

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²⁸ Then they led Jesus from the house of Caiaphas to the governor's headquarters. It was early morning. They themselves did not enter the governor's headquarters, so that they would not be defiled, but could eat the Passover. ²⁹ So Pilate went outside to them and said, "What accusation do you bring against this man?" ³⁰ They answered him, "If this man were not doing evil, we would not have delivered him over to you." ³¹ Pilate said to them, "Take him yourselves and judge him by your own law." The Jews said to him, "It is not lawful for

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us to put anyone to death.” ³² This was to fulfill the word that Jesus had spoken to show by what kind of death he was going to die. ³³ So Pilate entered his headquarters again and called Jesus and said to him, “Are you the King of the Jews?” ³⁴ Jesus answered, “Do you say this of your own accord, or did others say it to you about me?” ³⁵ Pilate answered, “Am I a Jew? Your own nation and the chief priests have delivered you over to me. What have you done?” ³⁶ Jesus answered, “My kingdom is not of this world. If my kingdom were of this world, my servants

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would have been fighting, that I might not be delivered over to the Jews. But my kingdom is not from the world.”³⁷ Then Pilate said to him, “So you are a king?” Jesus answered, “You say that I am a king. For this purpose I was born and for this purpose I have come into the world—to bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth listens to my voice.”³⁸ Pilate said to him, “What is truth?” After he had said this, he went back outside to the Jews and told them, “I find no guilt in him.”³⁹ But you have a custom that I should release one man for you

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at the Passover. So do you want me to release to you the King of the Jews?”⁴⁰ They cried out again, “Not this man, but Barabbas!” Now Barabbas was a robber.

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John 18:33-36

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Luke 17:20-21

²⁰ Being asked by the Pharisees when the kingdom of God would come, he answered them, “The **kingdom of God** is not coming in **ways that can be observed**, ²¹ nor will they say, ‘Look, here it is!’ or ‘There!’ for behold, the **kingdom of God is in the midst of you.**”

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John 16:33

33 I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world.”

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- **Jesus gives us joy.**

John 15:11

¹¹ These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.

1 Peter 1:8-9

⁸ Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory, ⁹ obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

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- 3. Those who live in Jesus' Kingdom abide in Him.**

John 15:1-5

¹ “I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. ² Every branch in me that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit. ³ Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you. ⁴ **Abide in me**, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, **unless it abides in the vine**, neither can you, unless you **abide in me**. ⁵ I am the vine; you are the branches. **Whoever abides in me and I in him**, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing.

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John 18:36-38

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- **the denial that there is objective truth grounded in the character of The Almighty God or any other source.**

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- **demands responsibility**

“There is one thing a professor can be absolutely certain of: almost every student entering the university believes, or says he believes, that truth is relative.”

- Allan Bloom

“Relativism poses as humble by saying: “We are not smart enough to know what the truth is—or if there is any universal truth.” It sounds humble. But look carefully at what is happening. It’s like a servant saying: I am not smart enough to know which person here is my master—or if I even have a master. The result is that I don’t have a master and I can be my own master. That is in reality what happens to relativists: In claiming to be too lowly to know the truth, they exalt themselves as supreme arbiter of what they can think and do. This is not humility. This is the essence of pride.”

- John Piper

We believe in absolute, objective truth – GOD

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Relativist's view:

Truth = Their view of the world

**We humbly submit to God as revealed to us
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“Disciples are those who have been so ravished with Christ that others want to be like them.”

- Dallas Willard

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