



# What is truth? (John 18:33-38)

<sup>33</sup> Then Pilate entered the Praetorium again, called Jesus, and said to Him, “Are You the King of the Jews?”

<sup>34</sup> Jesus answered him, “Are you speaking for yourself about this, or did others tell you this concerning Me?”

<sup>35</sup> Pilate answered, “Am I a Jew? Your own nation and the chief priests have delivered You to me. What have You done?”

<sup>36</sup> Jesus answered, “My kingdom is not of this world. If My kingdom were of this world, My servants would fight, so that I should not be delivered to the Jews; but now My kingdom is not from here.”

<sup>37</sup> Pilate therefore said to Him, “Are You a king then?”

Jesus answered, “You say *rightly* that I am a king. For this cause I was born, and for this cause I have come into the world, that I should bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth hears My voice.”

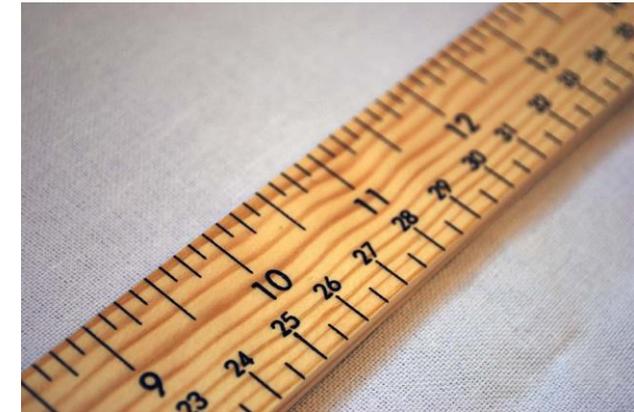
<sup>38</sup> Pilate said to Him, “What is truth?” And when he had said this, he went out again to the Jews, and said to them, “I find no fault in Him at all.”



*Dishonest scales are an abomination to the Lord, But a just weight is His delight.  
Prov. 11:1*



*Diverse weights and diverse measures,  
They are both alike, an abomination to the Lord.  
Prov. 20:10*



*Honest weights and scales are the Lord's;  
All the weights in the bag are His work. Prov. 16:11*



- Definition (Websters)

- 1)The true or actual state of a matter

- 2) Conformity with fact or reality

- 3)A verified or indisputable fact, proposition, principle, or the like.



# Want to take a ski trip?



- One chooses not to go b/c he simply **does not want to**, makes a choice not to even try, doesn't like skiing and was talked into going up with the group.
- One chooses not to go because he **lacks faith in the instructor**, despite the fact that the instructor is top rated and highly qualified.
- One chooses not to go because he **lacks faith in the equipment**-perhaps it is top of the line but yet there is doubt about the boots, skis and poles.
- One chooses not to go because he **does not trust the methods**. He follows his own judgment vs. the instructor's.
- One chooses not to go simply because he is **hesitant and fearful** (there may be a sense of "want to" but is just scared)
- One chooses not to go because **someone dear to them was injured** while doing the same thing
- One chooses to go but for various reasons has to be removed from the mountain- he **misunderstood**, or **didn't hear**, or **executed wrongly**, or **didn't use equipment correctly**.
- Another chooses to go and **safely skis down the mountain**.

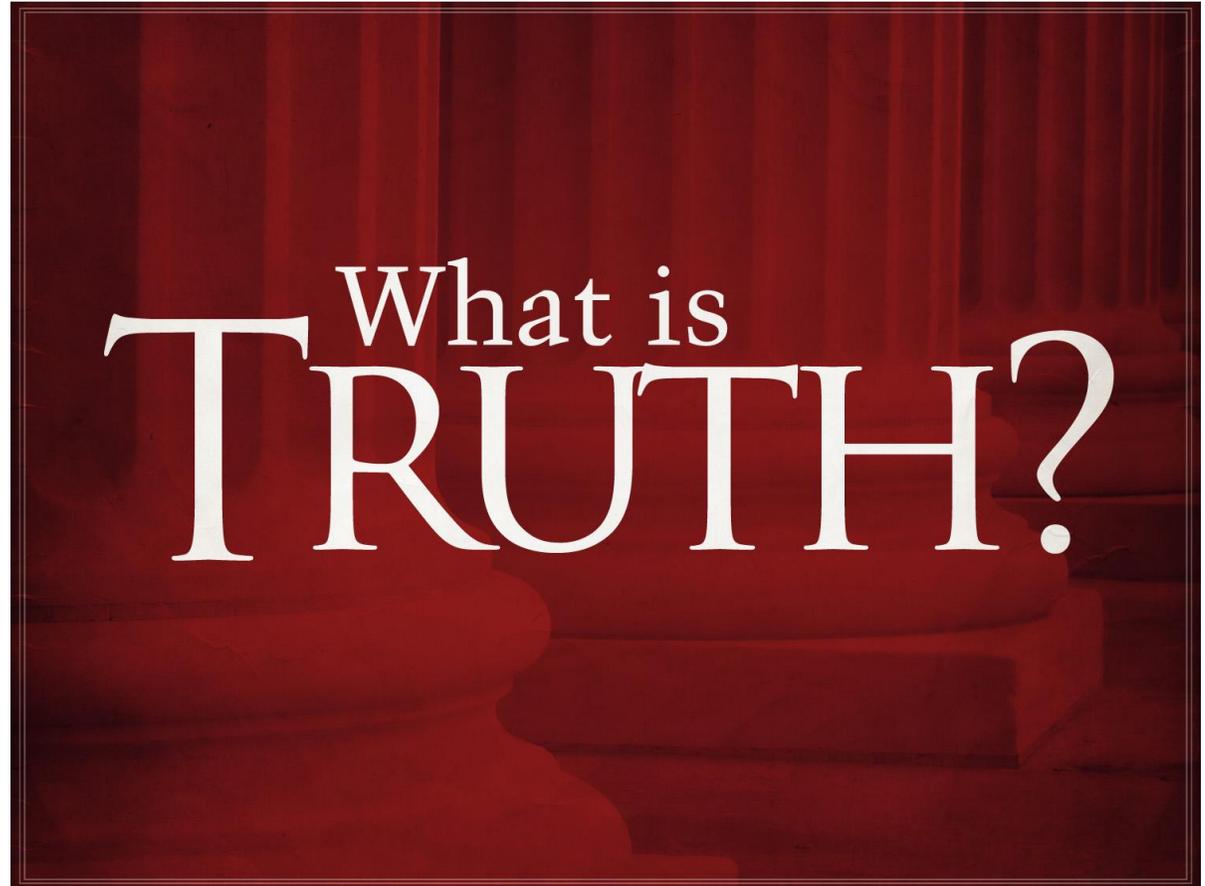
# Want to take a journey of faith?

- Some choose not to follow the truth simply because they **do not want to**. They prefer to stay where they are and not make the journey.
- Some choose not to follow the truth because they **do not trust the instructor**.
- Some choose not to go because they **lack faith in the equipment**-do not believe them sufficient, doubt the efficacy of what God has given.
- Some choose not to go because they **do not trust the methods**. God has shown the way, delivered the proper method.
- Some choose not to follow the truth because **someone dear to them was hurt** when the truth was followed, or would have been had they chosen to.
- Some choose to follow but perhaps due to **misunderstanding** or **failing to hear** all of the instructions or follow the instructions or **use the equipment** correctly they are placed in grave danger.
- Some choose to **follow the truth and make their journey** of faith to the desired destination.

Truth is not  
contradictory

- By faith only? (James 1:17,26)
- Baptism “does now saves us” (I Pt. 3:21)
- Divorce “except for the cause of sexual immorality” (Mt. 19:9)

*“All the weights in the bag are His work”*



Truth is not an ever-changing standard

- Jesus is the truth (Jn. 14:6)
- Jesus is the same yesterday today and forever (Heb. 13:8)
- Therefore: the truth is the same yesterday today and forever...

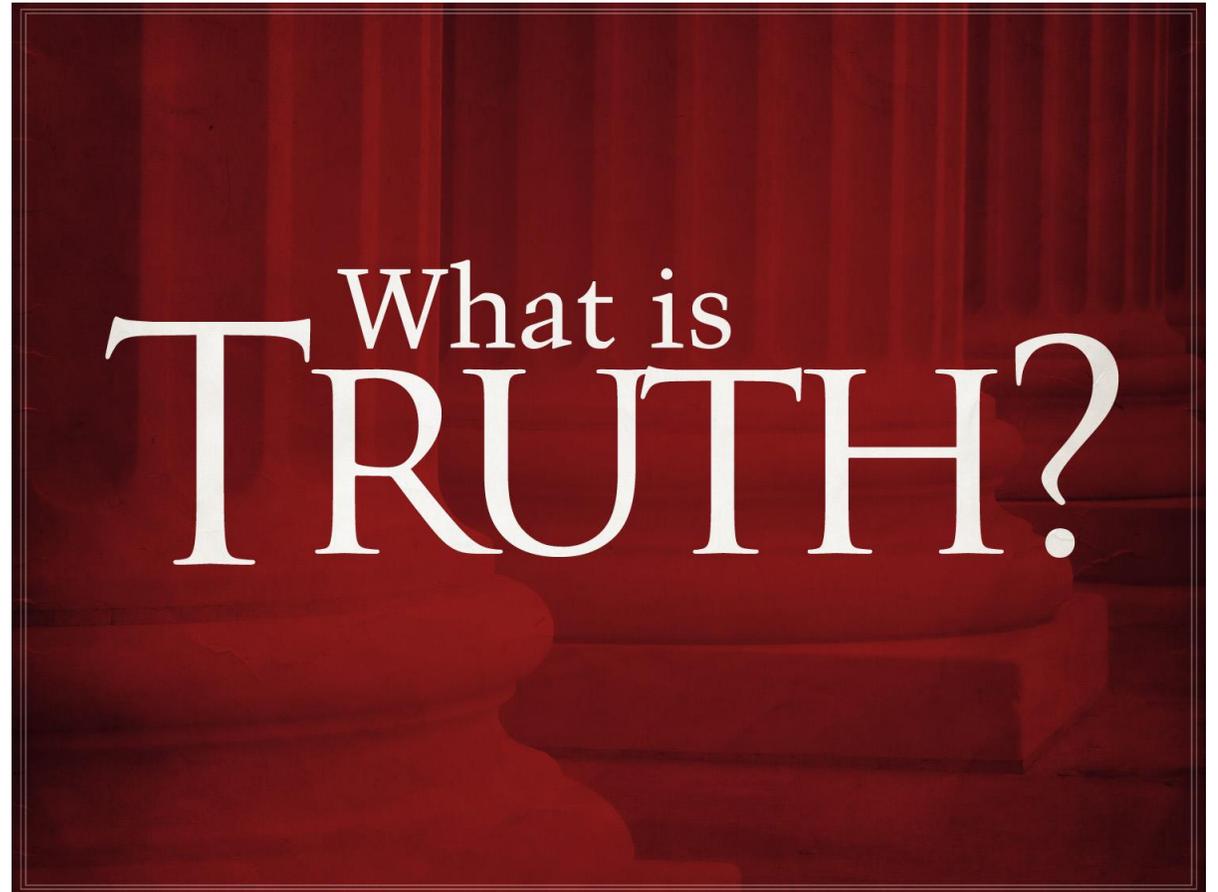
**The world loves floating anchors!**



Truth comes by way of  
the Bible

- “Your word is truth”  
John 17:17
- “The entirety of your  
word is truth” Ps.  
119:160
- “...you know it” (1 Jn.  
2:21)

Progression (Eph. 3):  
revealed → wrote →  
read → understand

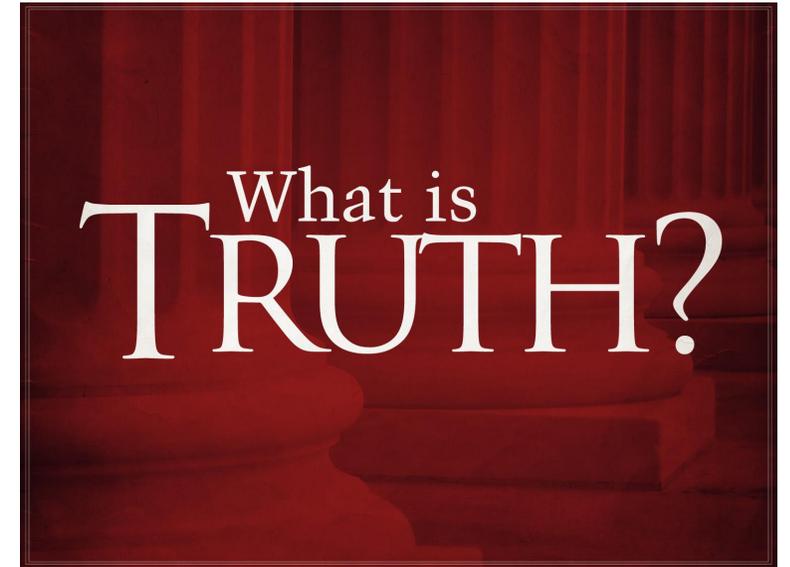


**Emotion-** emotions can blur vision

**Fear-** stifles the progress of faith

**Pride-** dismisses concepts that conflict

**Dull hearts-** lack true interest (Acts 28:23-27)



Why so difficult?

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“The statutes of the Lord are right  
rejoicing the heart!” (Ps. 19:8)

“His commandments are not  
burdensome” (1 Jn. 5:3)

