

Today's Theme
“Truth Decay”

Series Title:
“Staying Encouraged”

Part 18 8/30/20

Statements Concerning Truth

- 1. Truth today is *viewed as unknowable.***
- 2. Without truth the *future is uncertain.***
- 3. Truth is our *bridge to future hope.***

1 John 18:28 Then the Jewish leaders took Jesus from Caiaphas to the palace of the Roman governor. By now it was early morning, and to avoid ceremonial uncleanness they did not enter the palace, because they wanted to be able to eat the Passover. 29 So Pilate came out to them and asked, “What charges are you bringing against this man?” 30 “If he were not a criminal,” they replied, “we would not have handed him over to you.” 31 Pilate said, “Take him yourselves and judge him by your own law.” “But we have no right to execute anyone,” they objected. 32 This took place to fulfill what Jesus had said about the kind of death he was going to die.

Dialogue With Jesus & Pilate

1. Pilate: *Starts by asking who he was?*

2 John 18:33 Pilate then went back inside the palace, summoned Jesus and asked him, “Are you the king of the Jews?”

2. Jesus: *Are U asking me? - Personal?*

3 John 18:34 “Is that your own idea,” Jesus asked, “or did others talk to you about me?”

3. Pilate: *It doesn't matter - What did U do?*

4 John 18:35 “Am I a Jew?” Pilate replied. “Your own people and chief priests handed you over to me. What is it you have done?”

5 **4. Jesus: *I'm not from here - I could crush U.***
John 18:36 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.”

6 **5. Pilate: *Again he questions his position.***
John 18:37 “You are a king, then!” said Pilate. . . .

7 **6. Jesus: *Those belonging to truth listen.***
Jn 18:37 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.”

8 **7. Pilate: *What is truth? He's innocent.***
John 18:38 “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.

Enormous Questions In Life

1. What *gives my life meaning?*

2. What is *truth?*

3. Is there a way to *truth & fulfillment?*

9 John 14:3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. 4 You know the way to the place where I am going.” 5 Thomas said to him, “Lord, we don't know where you are going, so how can we know the way?” 6 Jesus answered, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. 7 If you really know me, you will know my Father as well. From now on, you do know him and have seen him.” 8 Philip said, “Lord, show us the Father and that will be enough for us.” 9 Jesus answered: “Don't you know me, Philip, even after I have been among you such a long time? Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father.