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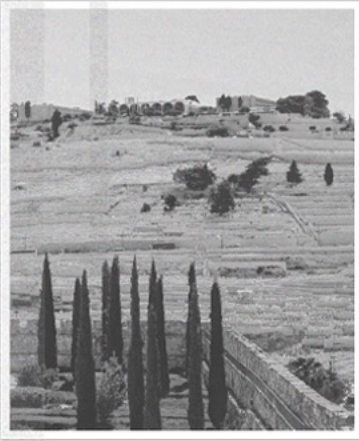


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# BELIEVE

## “Truth Telling”

John 18:28-40



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14 And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. 15 (John bore witness about him, and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks before me, because he was before me.'") 16 For from his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. 17 For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. 18 No one has ever seen God; the only God, who is at the Father's side, he has made him known.



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# Luke 4:23-30

And he said to them, "Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, 'Physician, heal yourself.' What we have heard you did at Capernaum, do here in your hometown as well." And he said, "Truly, I say to you, no prophet is acceptable in his hometown. But in truth, I tell you, there were many widows in Israel in the days of Elijah, when the heavens were shut up three years and six months, and a great famine came over all the land, and Elijah was sent to none of them but only to Zarephath, in the land of Sidon, to a woman who was a widow.



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And there were many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed, but only Naaman the Syrian." When they heard these things, all in the synagogue were filled with wrath. And they rose up and drove him out of the town and brought him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they could throw him down the cliff. But passing through their midst, he went away.



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➤ The Jewish leaders generally obeyed the letter of the law, but not the spirit of the law.



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# Common Approaches to Truth

1. Outwardly demonstrate a respect for objective truth, but actually manipulate truth for self-serving ends.
2. Dismiss objective truth outrightly and then give all authority to the individual.

**Both end up in the same place!**



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# John 18:37

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# What does it mean to be of the truth?

1. First, it means to submit yourself to a truth that is outside of yourself.



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