
The Truth of Jesus (Our Deliverance)

Witnessing Jesus

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Subject: Witnessing Jesus: The Truth of Jesus (Our Deliverance)

Previous Series (Witnessing to the Culture): Silence, Go, Teach, Baptize, Life, and Strong Man

Current Series (Witnessing Jesus) Messages:

- **Interrogating the Witness** (People, Self, God)
- **The Way of Jesus** (Our Calling: Many to Chosen, Darkness to Light, Death to Life)

Lesson Text

John 14: 6 (AV) ⁶ Jesus saith unto him, **I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.**

- John 8:31–32 (AV)³¹ Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, **If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed; ³² And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.**
- Isaiah 55:10–11 (AV)¹⁰ For as the rain cometh down, and the snow from heaven, and returneth not thither, but watereth the earth, and maketh it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower, and bread to the eater: ¹¹ So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper *in the thing* whereto I sent it.
- Romans 1:17 (AV)¹⁷ For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, The just shall live by faith.

Introduction

As we stated last week, to find a point in space we need three dimensions: The x-axis, y-axis, and z-axis; or the Latitude, Longitude, and Altitude!

In our lesson text, Jesus gives us the three dimensions to finding God

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1. **THE WAY** (Our Spiritual Latitude – Our Calling)
2. **THE TRUTH** (Our Spiritual Longitude – Our Deliverance)
3. **And THE LIFE** (Our Spiritual Altitude – Our Destiny)

Last week we looked at our Spiritual Latitude: **The Way of Jesus (Our Calling):**

- Called from Many to Chosen
- Called from Darkness to Light
- Called from Death to Life

Today we want to look at the second dimension to finding God, our Spiritual Longitude with is our Deliverance.

How of many of you sometimes feel that you life doesn't always line up with your faith? That what you've been told, and what you believe, has not manifested in what you see.

In other words your reality is not lining up with your truth!

Jesus is not telling us a truth; he's telling he is Truth; and Truth is true Deliverance / Liberty

Too many people live in constant bondage because they don't have truth. They live in a cycle of poverty, brokenness, captivity, blindness, and oppression.

They know that there is a better way, a better life, career, or ministry, but they can't get to us!

Judges 17:6 (AV)⁶ In those days *there was* no king in Israel, *but* every man did *that which was* right in his own eyes.

The message bible translates this to "People did whatever they felt like doing."

And these are the days that we live in today: where truth is relative, a world of alternative truth, truth based on what side or team your own; and everyone does whatever they want.

Romans 3:3–4 (AV)³ For what if some did not believe? shall their unbelief make the faith of God without effect? ⁴ God forbid: yea, let God be true, but every man a liar; as it is written, That thou mightest be justified in thy sayings, and mightest overcome when thou art judged.

But Jesus said you shall know THE TRUTH, not your truth, not a truth, not someone else's truth, and THE TRUTH shall make you free!

Series and Subject: Witnessing Jesus: The Truth of Jesus (Our Deliverance)

Subtopic: "It may be your reality, but it is not your truth"

Deliverance comes from Knowing the Truth, Speaking the Truth, Living the Truth

I. Knowing The Truth

John 8: 32 (AV) ³² **And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.**

People often find themselves in bondage, staying in bondage, back in bondage, and accepting bondage as a way of life because it's all they know.

They are not in this constant state of bondage because they are somehow genetically, emotionally, or spiritually inferior, weak, or impotent; it is simply because of ignorance. They simply just don't know.

We need deliverance from the bondage of ignorance because **what we don't know can hurt us!**

Because of ignorance, bondage can become a way life; Falling into a cycle of poverty, a cycle of brokenness, a cycle of captivity, a cycle of blindness, and a cycle of oppression.

And because we live in this cycle without any way out, it because our existence, our Reality!

"Bondage may be your reality, but it is not your truth!"

You may be living in poverty because that's all you know, all you have, all you've ever been.

But if a rich relative left you a million-dollar inheritance and you don't know; poverty will still be your reality, but it is not your truth.

To those stuck in the bondage of their reality; The Truth Says:

Luke 4:18 (AV)¹⁸ **The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised,**

Jesus said, **“And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.”**

- Your reality may be last, but your truth is the first shall be last, the last first.
- Your reality may be the least, but your truth is you're the head and not the tale
- Your reality is broke, but your truth is you shall lend and not borrow
- Your reality is struggling to pay rent, but your truth is living in houses you didn't build
- Your reality is constant attack, your truth is no weapon formed against you shall prosper

II. Speaking The Truth

Isaiah 55: 11 (AV)¹¹ So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper *in the thing* whereto I sent it.

The next thing that truth must bring us is deliverance from the bondage of silence. After we know the truth, we must speak it!

Proverbs 18:21 (AV)²¹ Death and life *are* in the power of the tongue: and they that love it shall eat the fruit thereof.

Proverbs 18:21 (The Message)²¹ Words kill, words give life; they're either poison or fruit—you choose.

The enemy doesn't want us to speak truth, and he does it by constantly filling our heart with evil.

Luke 6:45 (AV)⁴⁵ **A good man out of the good treasure of his heart bringeth forth that which is good; and an evil man out of the evil treasure of his heart bringeth forth that which is evil: for of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaketh.**

Proverbs 23:7 (AV)⁷ For as he thinketh in his heart, so *is* he: ...

And so many people are trapped by the bondage of their mouth, becoming a self-fulling prophet: “It's never going to work”, and it never works. “They're going to hurt me”, and they hurt you.

“Bondage may be in your heart, but's it's not your truth!”

To change your life, you must change your heart!

Proverbs 4:23 (AV)²³ Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it *are* the issues of life.

Proverbs 4:23 (NLT)²³ Guard your heart above all else, for it determines the course of your life.

Psalms 119:11 (AV)¹¹ Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee.

And when God's word dominates your heart, it will speak your truth. And when you speak truth, you become truth.

Revelation 12:11 (AV)¹¹ And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death.

You've got to say it before you see it; speak it before you become it; call it before your live it!

III. Living The Truth

Romans 1:17 (AV)¹⁷ For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, The just shall live by faith.

The Truth of Jesus brings us Deliverance:

- The first stage of deliverance is knowing the truth, and the truth shall make you free. It may not be your reality, but it will be your truth!
- The second stage of deliverance is speaking the truth, and it will accomplish what it was sent to do. It may be not be in your heart, but it is your truth!
- The final stage of deliverance is living the truth, not what we see, but what we believe.

We can live by our reality, we have to live by God's Truth

The Just shall live by faith

We walk by faith and not by sight!

The enemy wants us to stay in darkness, to stay in ignorance, to stay in silence, but the Truth wants us to do the will of God.

When you know the truth, it makes you free

When you speak the truth, it sets you free

And when walk the truth, you are free

We must Walk out your truth!

- Poor, but Walk out Rich.
- Hurt, but Walk out Healed
- Blind, but Walk out See
- Weak, but Walk out Strength