

# Message

## Is Jesus Really the Source of Truth?

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JOHN 14:6; 1:14; 18:37; 8:31-32; 1 JOHN 5:20

*Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life." (John 16:4)*

### Jesus the Truth

'Truth' in John's Gospel

Remembering the interrelationship of way – truth – life

### Jesus as the Revealer of God's Truth

*"The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth."  
(John 1:14)*

Revelation and God

Truth and knowledge

Responding to questions about Jesus as the Truth of God

### Jesus as the Pathway into God's Truth

*"Jesus said, 'If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.'" (John 8:31-32)*

Invitation and God

Truth and commitment

### Entering the Truth of Jesus

From excuses to engagement

Making a worldview commitment

Faith seeking understanding

# Study Guide

1. When did you learn something that changed your life, whether as a child or as an adult? What happened?
2. This week we enter the second part of a three-week series entitled "3 Questions We All Have About Jesus." In John 14:6 Jesus says, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." Before you begin this study, ask God to reveal His truth to you as you read His word.
3. The theme of truth is particularly important in the Gospel of John. Read the following verses which mention 'truth' and reflect on what they tell us about God, Jesus, and truth:

John 1:14, 17

John 8:40, 45

John 3:21

John 16:13

John 4:23-24

John 17:17

John 7:18

John 18:23

John 8:31-32

John 18:37-38

4. Given everything you just read, what do you think is important about Jesus including 'truth' in His statement to the disciples in John 14:6? Why do you think it is important that Jesus includes this?
5. How have you wrestled with questions about the truth in your own life? Has your knowledge of Jesus resolved those questions? How?
6. Jesus is described as coming from God the Father "full of grace and truth" (John 1:14, 17). Many times Christians are criticized for being arrogant in their claims to truth or in the way they talk about the truth. Do you think these criticisms are valid? Why or why not? What do you think it looks like to be full of grace and truth?
7. In John 8:31-32, Jesus says, "If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." Based on the surrounding verses in John 8 and your own reflections, what do you think it means to be set free by the truth of Jesus?
8. What is one specific thing that God is speaking to you through this study about the truth of God found in Jesus? How will that shape your life in the coming week? If you are with a small group, discuss that with one another and pray for one another. If you are studying on your own, write it down and share it with someone.

**[Response:** Throughout this series, we will be looking at tough questions about Jesus.

There may be some questions you wish someone would answer about Jesus as the way, the truth, and the life. Send us your questions either by emailing them to [info@eastbrook.org](mailto:info@eastbrook.org), writing them on a connect card, or visiting the Eastbrook Church Facebook page.]

