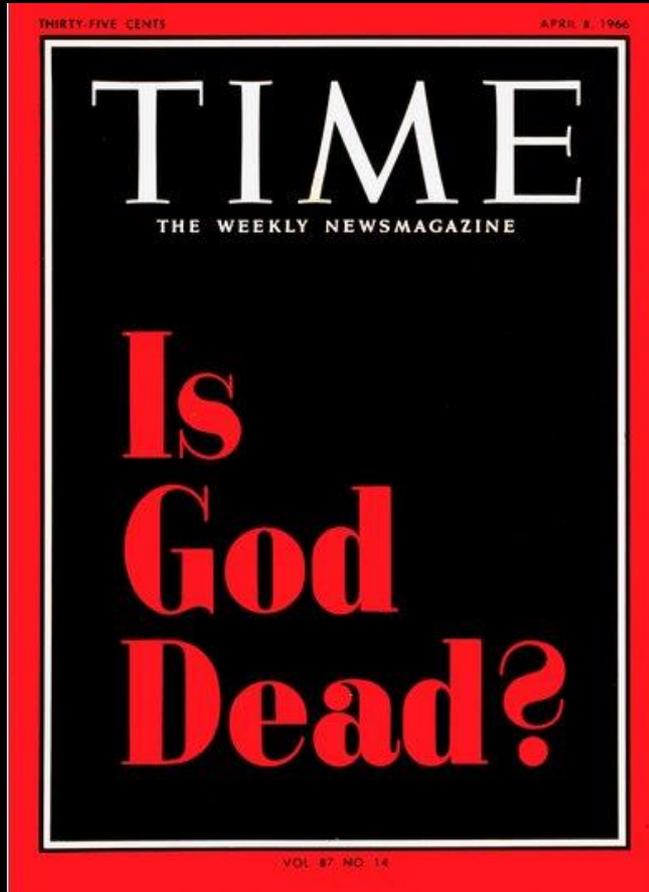


# Blessed Palm Sunday

the

TRUTH

**Luke 24:13-25**



## IS GOD DEAD?

Three words that had stirred strong debate, fear, renewed faith, division, conversation in our nation 50+ years ago.

Survey results in 1966 showed that 97% of Americans certainly believed in God. In 2014, Pew and Gallup surveys found that only 63% of Americans believed with absolute certainty.



We live in a world of **systemic contradiction**.

We tend to be **ambivalent** about GOD'S TRUTH. God's truth is NOT seen as **absolute**.

The ideal truth today is one of **diversity, pluralism** and the **acceptance** of all other truth with none being absolute.

Knowledge, truth, and morality exist and they are now **relative** to the current culture, society, or historical context.

# Mary Magdalene



*It freed me up...to discover what is truthful in the moment. That moment is not so much about a real miracle. It's about someone who has been dismissed by society finally being seen, embraced and encouraged to join the broader community (Joaquin Phoenix actor playing Jesus).*

## TRUTH Is Within Our Reach

**Luke 24:13-14** *That same day two of Jesus' followers were walking to the village of Emmaus, seven miles out of Jerusalem. As they walked along they were talking about everything that had happened.*

**Luke 24:15-16** *So it was, while they conversed and reasoned, that Jesus Himself drew near and went with them. But **their eyes were restrained**, so that they did not know Him.*

## The TRUTH Will Do A New Thing In Us

**Luke 24:17-21** *He asked them, what are you discussing so intently as you walk along? They stopped short, sadness written across their faces. Then one of them, Cleopas, replied, you must be the only person in Jerusalem who hasn't heard about all the things that have happened there the last few days. The things that happened to Jesus, the man from Nazareth, they said (NLT).*

## Trusting The TRUTH

**Luke 24:17-21** *He was a prophet who did powerful miracles, and he was a mighty teacher in the eyes of God and all the people. But our leading priests and other religious leaders handed him over to be condemned to death, and they crucified him. We had hoped he was the Messiah who had come to rescue Israel. This all happened three days ago (NLT).*

## TRUTH Redeems

**Luke 24:21-24** *Indeed, besides all this, today is the third day since these things happened. Yes, and certain women of our company, who arrived at the tomb early, astonished us. When they did not find His body, they came saying that they had also seen a vision of angels who said He was alive. And certain of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but Him they did not see.*

## Accepting And Seeing The TRUTH

**Luke 24:25-27** *Then He said to them, O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe in all that the prophets have spoken! Ought not the Christ to have suffered these things and to enter into His glory? And beginning at Moses and all the Prophets, He expounded to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning Himself.*

## Studying The TRUTH Will Change Our Lives

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## Spending Time With The TRUTH Will Change Our Lives

**Luke 24:28-29** *Then they drew near to the village where they were going, and He indicated that He would have gone farther. But they constrained Him, saying, **Abide with us...***

## Sharing The TRUTH Will Change Others

**Luke 24:33-35** *So they rose up that very hour and returned to Jerusalem, and found the eleven and those who were with them gathered together, saying, The Lord is risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon! And they told about the things that had happened on the road, and how He was known to them in the breaking of bread.*

