

# **BIBLE STUDY GUIDE: “STAND ON TRUTH”**

*(Matthew 27:24 – Pilate Washes His Hands)*

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## **BIG IDEA**

Truth is not determined by culture, pressure, or convenience—truth is found in Jesus, and believers are called to stand firmly on it no matter the cost.

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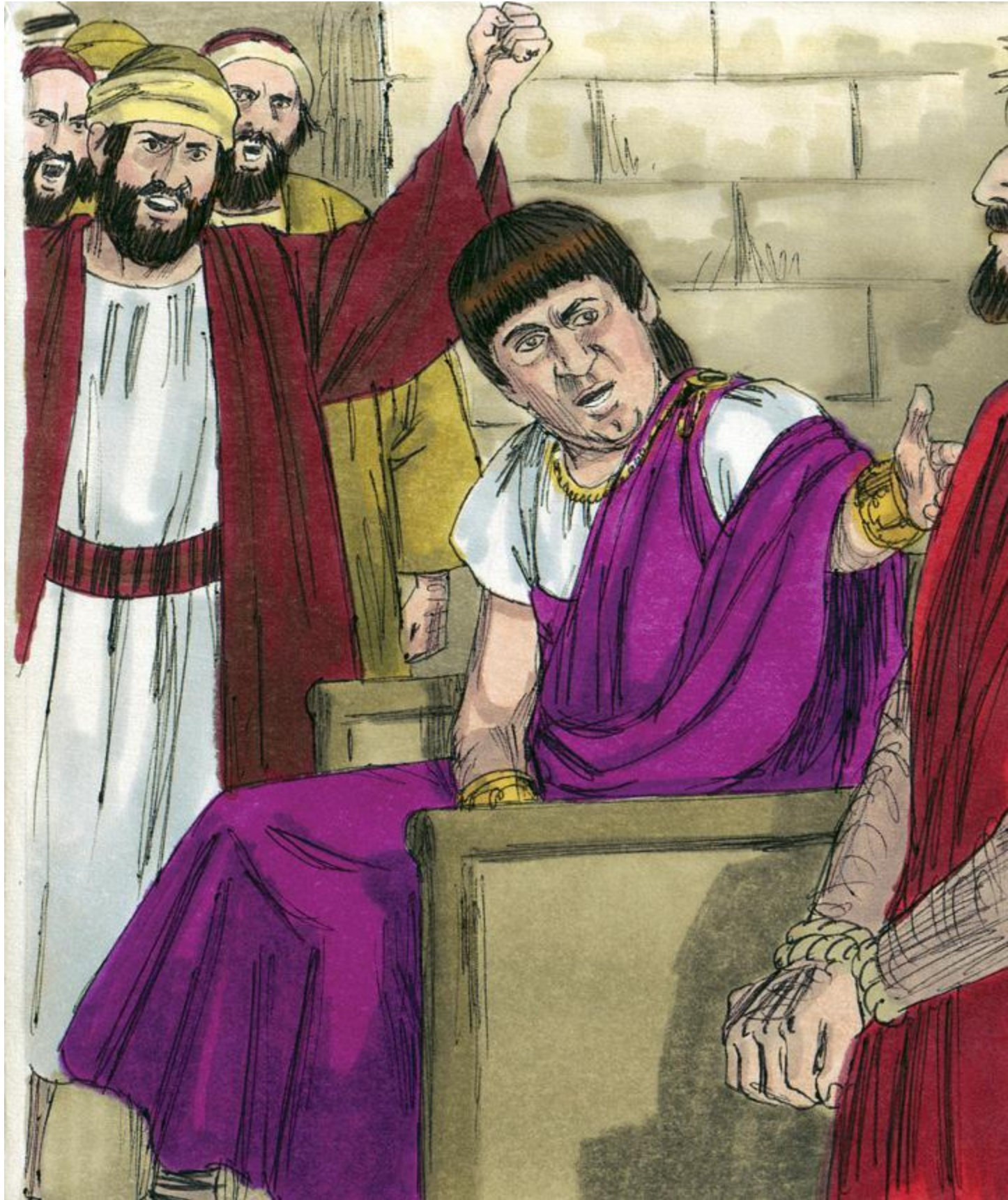
## **THEME**

**Choosing Truth Over Convenience in a Compromising World**

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**CONTEXT (Historical + Biblical Setting)**







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- Found in **Matthew 27:24**, during Jesus' trial before **Pontius Pilate**.
  - Pilate recognizes Jesus' innocence but yields to the crowd's demands.
  - This moment highlights:
    - Political pressure
    - Moral compromise
    - The rejection of truth
  - It leads directly to the crucifixion of Jesus.
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# MAIN POINT 1: TRUTH IS NOT RELATIVE—IT IS ROOTED IN JESUS

## Key Scripture

- John 14:6 – *“I am the way, the truth, and the life.”*
- John 18:38 – Pilate asks, *“What is truth?”*

## Teaching Insight

- Truth is not:
  - Opinion
  - Preference
  - Cultural agreement
- Truth is a person—**Jesus Christ**.
- Pilate stood face-to-face with truth—and still questioned it.

## Application

- Where are you tempted to redefine truth?
- Are you aligning your life with Jesus—or with culture?

## Sticky Quote

**“Truth is not something we create—it’s someone we follow.”**

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## **MAIN POINT 2: CONVENIENCE OFTEN COMPETES WITH TRUTH**

### **Key Scripture**

- Matthew 27:24 – Pilate chooses the crowd over conviction.
- Galatians 1:10 – *“Am I now trying to win the approval of human beings...?”*

### **Teaching Insight**

- Pilate knew what was right—but chose what was easy.
- Convenience:
  - Avoids conflict
  - Seeks approval
  - Preserves comfort
- Truth:
  - Requires courage
  - Demands sacrifice
  - Often stands alone

### **Application**

- Where are you choosing convenience over truth?
- What would it look like to stand firm today?

### **Sticky Quote**

**“Convenience will always try to silence conviction.”**

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## MAIN POINT 3: NEUTRALITY IS STILL A DECISION

### Key Scripture

- Matthew 12:30 – *“Whoever is not with me is against me.”*
- James 4:17 – *“If anyone knows the good they ought to do and doesn’t do it...”*

### Teaching Insight

- Pilate tried to stay neutral—washing his hands.
- But neutrality in truth is still **a choice against truth**.
- You cannot avoid responsibility by remaining passive.

### Application

- Are you staying silent where you should speak?
- Are you avoiding decisions that require courage?

### Sticky Quote

**“Refusing to choose truth is choosing against it.”**

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## MAIN POINT 4: THE CROWD IS NOT A RELIABLE GUIDE

## Key Scripture

- Matthew 27:22–23 – “*Crucify him!*”
- Exodus 23:2 – “*Do not follow the crowd in doing wrong.*”

## Teaching Insight

- The crowd:
  - Was loud
  - Was unified
  - Was wrong
- Popular opinion is often **misaligned with truth**.
- Pilate allowed the crowd to override conviction.

## Application

- Who or what is influencing your decisions?
- Are you following truth—or following the crowd?

## Sticky Quote

**“Just because it’s popular doesn’t make it true.”**

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## **MAIN POINT 5: STANDING FOR TRUTH REQUIRES COURAGE**

### Key Scripture

- Joshua 1:9 – “*Be strong and courageous...*”

- Ephesians 6:13 – “*Stand your ground...*”

## **Teaching Insight**

- Truth will often:
  - Cost you relationships
  - Challenge your comfort
  - Expose opposition
- Jesus calls believers to stand—not compromise.

## **Application**

- What truth do you need courage to stand on today?
- What fears are holding you back?

## **Sticky Quote**

**“Courage is standing for truth when it costs you something.”**

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## **MAIN POINT 6: TRUTH MUST BE LIVED, NOT JUST KNOWN**

### **Key Scripture**

- James 1:22 – “*Do not merely listen to the word...*”
- Matthew 5:16 – “*Let your light shine...*”

## **Teaching Insight**

- Knowing truth is not enough.
- Truth must be:
  - Lived out
  - Demonstrated
  - Shared
- Our lives become a testimony of truth.

## **Application**

- Are you living out what you believe?
- How can you reflect truth in your actions today?

## **Sticky Quote**

**“Truth isn’t just believed—it’s lived.”**

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## **MAIN POINT 7: TRUTH EXPRESSED IN LOVE TRANSFORMS LIVES**

### **Key Scripture**

- Ephesians 4:15 – *“Speak the truth in love.”*
- John 13:35 – *“By this everyone will know...”*

### **Teaching Insight**

- Truth without love becomes harsh.
- Love without truth becomes empty.
- Jesus embodies both:
  - Grace

- Truth

## **Application**

- How can you communicate truth with gentleness?
- Are you balancing truth and love?

## **Sticky Quote**

**“Truth without love pushes people away—truth with love draws them in.”**

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## **GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

1. What does it mean that Jesus is “the truth”?
  2. Where do you see truth being compromised today?
  3. When have you chosen convenience over conviction?
  4. Why is it difficult to stand against the crowd?
  5. How can you grow in courage to stand for truth?
  6. How do you balance truth and love in your relationships?
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## **PRACTICAL CHALLENGE**

- Identify one area where you’ve compromised truth—correct it.
- Speak truth in love to someone this week.

- Spend time daily in Scripture to ground yourself in truth.
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## **FINAL ENCOURAGEMENT**

Pilate asked, “*What is truth?*”  
You already know the answer.

Now the question is—  
**Will you stand on it?**

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## **CLOSING PRAYER**

Father,  
Give us the courage to stand for truth in a world that often rejects it.  
Help us not to choose convenience over conviction.  
Teach us to live out Your truth with boldness and love.  
Strengthen us to follow You, no matter the cost.  
In Jesus’ name, Amen.