

# HOUSE TO H<sup>ouse</sup> HOUSE

This is a resource for you to take the word God gives us in His house to your house!

A **HELPFUL TIP**: RE-watch the sermon online (*available @ facebook.com/journeychurch.family*) by yourself or with others.

**HOW DO I KNOW: Truth**  
Sunday, November 3, 2019

*This series of talks are a journey through Christian Apologetics. Each message is designed to help you better understand your faith and provide you with some tools to defend it.*

**JOHN 8:32 NIV**

**“Then you will know the truth and the truth will set you free.”**

**BIBLICAL THOUGHT** —> The word ‘*know*’ in the greek translates ‘*an intimate knowledge of*’ meaning God desires us to have a close relationship with the truth we hold so dear in our heart and life.

A mistake we often make in the church today:

WE TEACH **WHAT** TRUTH IS WITHOUT TEACHING **WHY** IT’S TRUE!

**“72% of Christian teenagers will abandon their faith within 1 year of attending a secular university.”** (*Lifeway Christian Research*)

**PRACTICAL THOUGHT** —> ‘2+2’ is as important as ‘= 4’

WHAT IS TRUTH? —> That which **corresponds** to its object.

## **TRUTHS ABOUT TRUTH:**

### **1. ALL TRUTH IS UNCHANGEABLE.**

Simply put, it cannot be changed. Not even BELIEF can change truth.

DOES BELIEVING THE BIBLE IS TRUE ACTUALLY MAKE IT TRUE?

No, it is true regardless of your belief.

### **2. ALL TRUTH IS ABSOLUTE.**

Simply put, if something is TRUE, it’s true for everyone, everywhere, at all times.

### 3. ALL TRUTH SURVIVES THE LAW OF NON-CONTRADICTION.

Simply put, truth CANNOT contradict itself, it either IS or it ISN'T. For example...

CHRISTIANITY'S TRUTH CLAIM —> **1 CORINTHIANS 15:3-4 NIV**

**“For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died [on a cross] for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures.”**

ISLAM'S TRUTH CLAIM —> **SURA 4:157**

**“And they did not kill him [Jesus], nor did they crucify him; but [another] was made to resemble him to them. And indeed, those who differ over it are in doubt about it. They have no knowledge of it except the following of assumption. And they did not kill him, for certain.”**

**IF ONE IS RIGHT, THEN THE OTHER MUST BE WRONG. WHY? BC BOTH CANNOT BE RIGHT! TRUTH NEVER CONTRADICTS ITSELF.**

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1. There is NO truth.
2. You can't KNOW truth.
3. All truth is RELATIVE.
4. It's true for YOU, but not for ME.
5. NO ONE has the truth.

THE WAY TO REFUTE THESE OBJECTIONS IS TO APPLY THEIR CLAIM TO ITSELF (*WE CALL IT THE ROADRUNNER TACTIC*) —> IT'S A GREAT TEST!

#### OUR RESPONSE TO ATHEISM'S CONCEPT OF TRUTH:

1. There is NO truth. —> **IS THAT TRUE?**
2. You can't KNOW truth. —> **HOW DO YOU KNOW THAT?**
3. All truth is RELATIVE. —> **IS THAT A RELATIVE TRUTH?**
4. It's true for YOU, but not for ME. —> **IS THAT TRUE FOR EVERYBODY?**
5. NO ONE has the truth. —> **HOW DO YOU KNOW THAT IS TRUE?**

**1 PETER 3:15 NIV**

**But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the REASON for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect.**

**PRAY:** God, this world we live in is hungry for truth and You are the answer that hunger. I pray I would do my best in my devotions and commitments to learn truth, to know truth and to share truth in a way that creates eternal impact in my life and those who I share it with. In Jesus' name I pray. **AMEN.**