

The Trial of Truth – June 19, 2022

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On Sundays we have two services, the first service is normally dedicated to the Prophecy Update; the second is dedicated to the sermon.

But for today, we will be conducting two sermons. And for the first sermon I would invite you to join me in the Gospel of *John Chapter 18*, we'll pick up at *verse 33*. And I will ask all who are able to stand to do so for the reading of the scriptures this morning, followed by a word of prayer.

Again, the Gospel of *John Chapter 18*, beginning in *verse 33*. The Word of God reads, "**Then Pilate entered the Praetorium again, called Jesus, and said to Him, "Are you the King of the Jews?"**"

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Pilate said to Him, "What is truth?" And when he had said this, he went out again to the Jews, and said to them, "I find no fault in Him at all. *[Verse 39]* "But you have a custom that I should release someone to you at the Passover. Do you therefore want me to release to you the King of the Jews?"

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Why don't we pray and ask for the Lord's blessing on the teaching this morning?

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Father in heaven, I want to thank You, Lord, for Your words of truth. And I pray that You would just go before us now in the power and strength of Your might and bring this to life for us so that we can see the lessons that You have for us on this day that we can use throughout our lives, so we may bear witness to the truth and be strong in the faith that You have called us to.

So Lord, meet us here now. We ask for this in the mighty name of Yeshua, Jesus the Christ, we do pray, amen. Thank you and please be seated.

This morning, our first sermon is titled 'The Trial of Truth.' And although this will be dealing with a portion of the trial that Jesus would face prior to His crucifixion, we can all agree that the truth continues to be on trial today even though the case is closed. Truth wins, period. But this hatred of the truth of any type is at an all-time high throughout every corner of the Earth.

Don't we see this?

Society as a whole more than embraces relativism over reason, over truth. It's all subjective. Every voice is respected, every voice is accepted, except the voice of truth. In this account here today, Jesus is being questioned by the Roman governor of Judea at that time, whose name is Pontius Pilate.

This is a very well-known account, but I can't help but notice how Jesus would respond to the questions by Pilate as well as how Pilate would respond to Jesus, as well as the Pharisees and the people and how that influenced the actions of Pilate regarding his dealings with Jesus.

And I want to be using Pilate. Yeah, I'm going to be talking about Pilate. I'm going to have him be the picture of the world and how the world addresses truth. So I'll be picking on Pilate.

With all of this, I can see some telling signs of what deaf ears to the truth looks like, ears that are only tuned into the channel of lies. That's what we can see here, that's what we see in the world today. Ears have minds of their own, and their minds are made up.

No matter what kind of evidence is presented, it doesn't matter. I believe what I believe and that's it.

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It's not true.

So what, it's true to me! Hot garbage!

[Laughter]

People live a lie and enjoy it.

When we first read this account, much of this can be overlooked. But with the Lord's permission, the goal is simple today: It's to extract these truths from this account in the hopes of exposing some of the strategies used by truth deniers.

Do you hear me?

Truth deniers, and there's many of them in this world today. And hopefully, we'll also expound on the text for our learning.

So the first thing that we need to do is provide a little backstory as to where we are within the biblical timeline and why the people acted the way they did.

So the Passover feast is at hand, and this is a continuation of the trial of Jesus. So things need to move quickly. Things need to happen very rapidly because the Jewish leadership does not want anything to interfere with the Passover Feast. This thing needs to hurry up and be resolved.

And at this point, it's early in the morning and Jesus is on trial. His judge is being Pilate, His accusers being the Jewish leadership, and His charge would eventually be that of blasphemy but not according to Roman law.

Now, you keep that in mind. In fact, early he says, Hey, you take care of Jesus according to your law. Because blasphemy, oh, according to the law, you're to be stoned to death. But they said, No, we'll be breaking your law. The scepter has been removed from us; we can't enact capital punishment.

You see how they played it? You see what they did?

So what is Jesus' defense in all of this?

Simple: The truth.

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The truth: that's His defense and should be our primary example at all times in regards to what our defense should be, the truth.

And remember, in their eyes, He was already guilty. Their minds had already been made up. They didn't care about the truth. But no matter how they felt, Jesus spoke the truth anyway. Do you hear me?

So back in *verse 33* of our text, the Word of God reads, **"Then Pilate entered the Praetorium again, called Jesus, and said to Him, "Are You the King of the Jews?"**

Now, here Pilate has already spoken to the Jewish leadership about Jesus as well as His supposed charges. And the people are all up in arms about Jesus

And it's early in the morning and we can assume from Pilate's perspective, he's just like, Hey, I'm just trying to get this thing done. You could see that to a degree. But Pilate has nothing to go on, nothing. So he goes back into his governor's house and calls for Jesus to be brought to him.

And then notice he asks Jesus a question, "Are you the King of the Jews?"

And one of the reasons why he asks this question, is at this time, there were no formal charges against Jesus, none. But now, if Jesus would claim to be some type of political king, then perhaps there would be merit for a charge of treason. But this is not the case.

And plus, Pilate knows what's going on. He has an idea, a good idea by the way, of what's happening here. He knows they hate Jesus. He understands this. He's playing the system.

And to make my case, think about this: At this point, Jesus has already been beaten, battered, and bruised by the time Him and Pilate are talking right now.

In fact, in the original language in the Greek, where it says, "Are You the King of the Jews?" It's like he's saying this – he's looking at Jesus all beat down. It's like, (laughing) "Are You the King of the Jews?" That's the emphasis. He's not asking ask, (sincerely) "Are You the King of the Jews?" No!

In other words, Pilate clearly saw that Jesus was no threat to him or Rome at all. Jesus was not starting some revolution. He had no intent of attempting some nationwide coup.

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So to Pilate Jesus was insignificant, but to a supposed nation that knew the Word of God, that knew of the truth, oh, truth is always going to be a threat when they now deal only in lies.

Do you hear me? Does that sound familiar?

We going to talk about this more, but we'll move on to *34* and *verse 35* of our text as Jesus answers Pilate with a question of His own, as the Word of God reads. **"Jesus answered him, "Are you speaking for yourself about this, or did others tell you this concerning Me?" Jesus is asking: Is that what you're saying or they're saying?**

Of course, He already knows the answer. And another thing to note here: There is not one ounce of intimidation that comes from the Savior at all. He's not shy at all. The movies get it all wrong, completely wrong. He is bold in the truth. Jesus is more than sure in His response to Pilate, this Pilate who was a governor, who holds a position of authority, did not bother Jesus at all.

That's a lesson for us as we deal with worldly rulership. It has nothing against the truth. Why would we bow down?

Makes no sense. We're to stand for the truth, not duck and hide. Because they're our ruler. They rule nothing over the truth. Everything falls apart against the truth.

Even Pilate would begin to experience this as shown in *verse 35*. The Word of God continues. **"Pilate answered, [Now he's kind of upset, if you will] Am I a Jew?" "Am I a Jew?"**

And then he wants to invoke his authority. **"Your own nation [A-ha!] and the chief priests have delivered You to me."**

But then, with all that sarcasm, he comes back and says this, **"What have You done?"**

That's a self-indictment, by the way. It's a good question. **"What have You done?"**

Think about it. If that was me and Pilate asked me what I've done, I would've been like, Why do you ask me what I have done? You have me locked up, and you don't know? I'm detained by you. You just said it.

The question is: Why am I detained and why don't you let me go?

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And best believe, Pilate knows this, but he wants to please the people on one hand while at the same time appear to be just. But God knows the hearts of man; He knows.

Pilate wishes there was something that he could have on this truth but there was nothing. And we need to recognize that Pilate was not an ethical man by any means at all. He was not. In fact, the Jewish historian Flavius Josephus would write that Pilate would take money from the temple in order to build an elaborate aqueduct system.

And when they challenged him on it, he had the people beaten. So he got away with it. And many other things Pilate did. He was not ethical at all.

And guess what? The Jewish leadership knew it.

So when you want something dirty done, go to a dirty person. In order to make their evil little desires come to pass, Pilate was perfect for this.

But even so, the truth has a way about it that exposes evil, trips up evil, agitates evil, and ultimately destroys evil.

The question is: Do we take the proper stand and address evil?

There is a time and place and a way that we should give an answer and address evil, and that way should always be according to God. And when the evil Pilates come into our lives and want to question us a certain way, it does not mean that we're required to respond the way that they want to hear.

Are you following me? We're not beholden to that.

Evil often loves to ask questions to make itself look good, right? Don't we deal with that on a day-to-day basis, especially with a lot of social issues?

They're not issues at all. Evil tries to make it look good, and many Christians fall for it. Here comes that evil worldly judge in our lives, the one that wants contention and get a rise out of us and make Christians look cold and unloving. That's the tactic they use, one of them And here comes - it looks something like this:

So you're a Christian, right? Right?

There's a start and then, Yeah, I'm a Christian.

[Laughter]

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Right?

So I guess you don't believe in same-sex marriage, do you?

Right there, you're just such a mean Christian. Love is love! And that's just one of many topics, right? You see what they do?

And many times Christian backpedal, Oh, well, you know, it's kind of complicated.

No, it's not; it's not complicated at all.

Here's a tactic for you Christians, all of us. When those pointed questions like that are asked, it's very simple on how we ought to respond. Not in the way they think with a closing answer, like 'yes' or 'no'. No, that puts the burden on you. Don't do that. Don't give them that. No.

When that question comes, respond something like this: What does God think about it? What does God think about same-sex marriage? What He thinks, I agree with.

And you can use that for all of it. You can't come against the truth. You could come against me all day. But the truth, impossible. You will leave broken. And that's a good thing. We agree with what God says.

And you can attempt to judge God all you want to, but God is going to have the final word. Putting the truth on trial is a major mistake. And just because you don't want to hear the voice of truth does not make it less true.

In fact, all of those who do not believe in the truth will always be in bondage to the lie.

Before we move on to our next text, I also want to take notice that the truth himself will willingly be locked up in order to set us free.

Have we ever thought about that when we read this passage captured in the *Book of John*, also, in *Chapter 8:31-32*?

The Word of God reads, "**Then Jesus said to those Jews who believed Him, "If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed. [And verse 32] And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."**

Now we hear this all the time but think about this. Some ten chapters later Jesus is in bondage. Think about that.

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But guess what is not in bondage? His Word.

Are you following me?

And because we choose to abide in His Word, like those Jews who chose to believe, we never have to find ourselves looking for some truth. The world searches to and fro for truth when Thy Word is truth.

As we continue in our text, Jesus will speak to Pilate in regards to Him being a King, as captured in *verse 36*, as the Word of God reads, **"Jesus answered, My kingdom is not of this world. If My kingdom were of this world, My servants would fight, so that I should not be delivered to the Jews; but now My kingdom is not from here."**

Here, on three occasions, Jesus informs Pilate that He has a kingdom. Three occasions. And He tells Pilate that He has servants that would even fight for Him if His kingdom was of this world.

Think about this: Jesus, not too long ago, would have what they estimate, tens of thousands of people following Him from the Mount of Olives into Jerusalem. If Jesus wanted to incite a revolt, it would have been done effortlessly because it's believed that Pilate only had about 3000 troops under his charge.

Think about that. No threat at all. If it was going to happen, it would have happened. Jesus told him His kingdom was not of this world.

And by what we don't see within the text, Pilate did not even flinch at this statement. I mean, maybe Pilate thought Jesus was just another crazy person. Maybe he was unmoved of some ridiculous claim regarding a kingdom out of this world. Whatever the case might be, Pilate never saw the need to ever ask the question, Where is your kingdom from?

Do we see that?

Here is another tactic often used when the world tries to attack the truth. That is the complete avoidance of relevant questions.

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The avoidance of relevant questions. Think about how often we witness this. The truth is on trial, and it's time to ask the question that would shed light on all of this. But instead of asking the relevant question, it is bypassed.

What does that say? What does that tell us?

Have you seen some of these press briefings? I hate to bring that up, but do you understand what I'm saying?

It's like, Why don't you ask this question?

In fact, I've got one for you. Not even the press briefing. What about this?

Every time there's a debate about, what is a woman or this that and the third, you know what relevant question you never hear?

Okay, or you know, how they had the little clips of what happens when an egg is fertilized, right? They show you the sperm running down and up in the thing, right?

You following me?

Then it goes inside an egg and it burrows itself in there and then the gestation period, and it shows this, I mean, they have it all digitized, right?

Are you following me?

Show me how a man gets pregnant that way. That's a relevant question.

Hey, can you show me that? Let's diagram that out.

Oh, we don't want to ask that. We don't – no – that will cause some truth to come out. It's deliberate, and because it's deliberate, it proves at a minimum that they already know.

People know what they're doing and why.

You don't attempt to suppress the truth if it's not true, right?

That's what we see today. Our society has so many movements that promote this agenda of truth suppression.

Cancel culture: As soon as you say something true, Ahh! Get them off the air!

I got to be careful – YouTube – might be kicked off tomorrow. Pastor J.D. will be so ticked.

[Laughter]

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Oh my goodness. But you know what I mean. Misinformation. Mischaracterization. They use all these 'zation' 'ation' words to suppress the truth.

And you know what? It's a self-indictment. You will be held accountable for that truth you think you don't know.

You know. You know.

The powers that be want to control it so they control the questions that are asked. But they know.

Pilate knew enough that it was deeper than this. He knew.

Now, perhaps one of the reasons that he did not care about where Jesus' Kingdom was from is because

A: Pilate had no intentions of being part of His kingdom.

Or B: Pilate was more concerned about fighting for the kingdom that he already belonged to.

Or perhaps C: Both A and B.

Now, I'm speculating here, but you get my point in where I'm going with this, right?

And sadly, as Christians, we too often act like we belong to the kingdom Pilate was from, right?

Well, we claim we're from the Kingdom of God, but all of our resources in fighting are for this kingdom.

And what's sad is, this kingdom is ruled by Satan. You want to be a part of that?

He has enough employees on his evil payroll. We should be ruled by Christ, under the canopy of His kingdom, that should overshadow this worldly kingdom of darkness.

In the *Book of Romans* in *Chapter 14:17*, the Word of God reads, "**For the kingdom of God is not eating and drinking, but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.**"

Do we see this?

These are the attributes that we are all supposed to demonstrate while we are in this dark and perverted world. We do not operate in the physical only, merely eating and drinking and dealing with the toils of day-to-day life.

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We operate in the righteousness of God, presenting that peace to the world that cannot be produced by the world, only by God. And proclaiming a joy, a true joy that the world can only pretend to have. The world has no clue what joy is.

All this doing is by the power of the Holy Spirit that will soon be removed, by the way, in the way it currently operates. And when the Restrainer is removed from this place, unthinkable evil will come, in preparation for the wrath of the Lamb.

But as for the Kingdom, not of this world, If Pilate would have asked the relevant question, he may have been told by Jesus that His Kingdom is the Kingdom of God united by love, something that no kingdom of this world has ever seen or could ever achieve. But Pilate didn't seem to be interested.

Now, *verses 37-38* of our text we have some more dialog, so to speak, as the Word of God continues. **"Pilate therefore said to Him, "Are You a king then?"**

Jesus answered, **"You say rightly that I am a king. For this cause I was born and for this cause I have come into the world that I should bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth hears My voice."**

Man, that's so beautiful.

What's not so beautiful is what Pilate said to Him, **"What is truth?" "And when he had said this, he went out again to the Jews, and said to them, "I find no fault in Him at all."**

Well, congratulations, Pilate; we could have told you that. But He's still locked up. I can say is that a relevant question was asked here. But another tactic that is used when dealing with truth was also displayed, as we will see.

Now think about this. After all that was spoken in verse 36 in regards to this kingdom not being of this world, Pilate only seems to be interested if Jesus is a king or not. And I don't see where Pilate ever asked Him exactly what kind of a king He was, not just of the Jews, but what kind of king. There's something different. What kind of king are You, especially with the noise You're creating?

And even though Pilate did not ask, Jesus would proclaim who He was and why He came into the world, whether Pilate fully understood it or not.

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One thing's for certain: Pilate understood enough, more than enough and what Jesus did before Pilate, by speaking to Pilate in that way, all those words of truth, Jesus was witnessing to Pilate. That's what He was doing.

This governor, high ranking official, that title, once again, made no difference to Jesus, He still witnessed to Pilate. He gave him the truth in full, and this is what we should be doing in front of all men, no matter what their titles are, witnessing.

The truth is fearless. We don't come with the message in fear. Once God says: witness, has placed that opportunity in front of us, we go in the power of the Holy Spirit, not timid. If you believe it, you will proclaim it. We should be bearing witness in like manner.

The Apostle Paul would remind Timothy of this, captured in *1 Timothy in Chapter 6:12-13*, as the Word of God reads. **"Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, to which you were also called and have confessed the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. [And here in verse 13, listen] I urge you in the sight of God who gives life to all things, and before Christ Jesus who witnessed the good confession before Pontius Pilate."**

And what was that confession?

It was the confession of the truth. Jesus bore witness to the truth because He is the truth.

Do we see this?

All of that dialog was Jesus witnessing to Pilate in the process. Pilate would be offered salvation within this exchange that the Lord would give to him. He would discuss it.

Jesus would let Pilate know that He was a king, not from this world, who came to bear witness to the truth, that truth that only belongs to the true and living God, a question that Pilate had to have inside of him.

That's why the Lord witnessed the good confession that all men are or will be confronted with. And then Jesus proclaims that everyone, everyone who was of the truth, everyone who hears His voice of the truth of God, the voice of Jesus – Did you hear – did you hear that?

If you hear My voice, everyone who hears, you're of the truth.

And for Pilate to be saved at that moment, he could have simply said, I hear your voice. I hear your voice.

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But when the word came to Pilate, he would respond with words of his own that he never, ever even waited around for an answer. Those famous words: "What is truth?"

The truth was right in front of him. Here, the word of God being presented to Pilate, was rejected. And we see the voice of truth today that continues to be rejected from this dying world.

The first thing I want to make a note of is that this is also a tactic used by the world when facing the truth because when the world is against the truth, the response that would come is often blocked or discarded or not waited for. It's prevented from ever being heard.

Are you following me?

Just like Pilate, What is truth? And then dart out the door.

Don't you want an answer?

Nope, nope, nope, nope, nope, nope, nope.

They live by a code of – I guess the closest way I can present it is imperial ignorance. I don't know, you don't know, no one knows.

The truth is they don't want to know.

Truth is never given it's due process. Instead, they make it so that the response is not admissible. It doesn't qualify. The world hates the truth.

And I will tell the world this: You won't have to wait long. Soon the truth will be so rare that the question will not be: What is truth?

It will be: Where did the truth go? What happened to the truth?

You want to know what happened to it?

You crucified it. You rejected it. That's what's happened. That's how rare the truth will be at some point, but not yet. And praise God for the truth.

And of course, we have Jesus, oh, the Word Himself, the voice of truth. But like Pilate, most of the world today holds that same position. **"What is truth?"** the world says.

We talked about it.

How can things be known, right?

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There's no absolutes except that there is no absolutes.

Do you hear this stuff that people dream up?

Everything is a matter of opinion. So sad.

But God says that He is the truth and that His way is perfect. Instead of people testing the Word of God, instead of them learning and listening from the voice of truth, instead of just reading the Scriptures for yourselves to see if those things are true, because you don't want the truth, you don't seek the truth.

And when truth comes close to your quarters, you shut and lock the door. Truth cannot come in here because I want to live a lie. That's the world.

We need to be careful as Christians that we don't get sucked into the world, that we ourselves becoming numb to the truth. That's the state we could be in, and that's not a good thing.

It is hard for the truth to have a fair trial in our lives when it cannot be heard. I guess people are satisfied, just like Pilate appeared to be satisfied. He went back to the Jews and told them, **"I find no fault in this Man."**

Again, but he never let Jesus go because Pilate was a man-pleaser; that's what he was. But in doing so, he became an abomination to the Lord. Have we not read the Proverbs?

Placing evil over good, that's an abomination. In *verses 39-40* of our text, Pilate seemed to think that he had a sure way out of all of this to be on both sides of the fence. Oh, man, he was more than wrong.

The Word of God reads, **"But you have a custom that I should release someone to you at the Passover. Do you therefore want me to release to you the King of the Jews?"** [*Listen to this*]

Then they all cried again, saying, "Not this Man, but Barabbas!" Now Barabbas was a robber."

Again, if this was Pilate's plan to seem like a just man, it more than backfired.

But I don't really think that was his plan anyway because he wasn't a just man at all, just playing both sides of the fence, that's all.

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You know, many politicians do that to this day. They'll tell you anything, do anything to get that vote. And that's where we put our trust in?

That's the kingdom we're fighting for? All of our resources?

Don't get me wrong, you have duties to do, I get it. But you know exactly what I'm talking about.

When the majority of your time is fighting for this world, hmm, what king are you serving?

Here's a custom that would be used to determine the fate of the savior of the world, not justice, but a custom. You see how we bend and twist and break laws to fit the agenda?

And here, Pilate calls Jesus "**the King of the Jews**" when he could have just said "Jesus," but he knew that that would agitate them. "**You want me to release the King of the Jews?**"

Right?

He could have softened the situation. But no, he continued to agitate it. Pilate knew this would get under their skins.

But this is what people do when you have no respect for the truth. You play around with it; that's what you do because the truth holds little value to you. It's a joke even though you know it's true. And that's why they would cry out to have Barabbas set free, who was a robber. And we know from the scriptures that he was indeed set free, a criminal over Christ.

And as many of you know, how ironic is it that the one to be released instead of Jesus the Christ, would also have the same name but under the rule of a different father?

The Holy Spirit is amazing. We see this truth captured in the *Book of Matthew*, in *Chapter 27:15-16*, as the Word of God reads. "**Now it was the governor's custom at the festival to release a prisoner chosen by the crowd.**

[And verse 16] **At that time they had a well-known prisoner whose name was Jesus Barabbas."**

A well-known prisoner whose name was Jesus Barabbas. This is who they wanted to be released. And we know that the name Barabbas means "son of the father."

So in essence, they chose the son of the father of lies instead of the son of the father of truth.

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Is this now what the world continues to do until this day?

Lies are loved and set free, but the truth is always on trial, awaiting crucifixion.

However, the truth was once crucified and forever resurrected. So please understand world, You want to release your Barabbas' of lies? Have at it.

You want to have your well-known prisoner of the robbery of the truth to roam around the lands? Go ahead.

That's the world's perspective. They'd rather be the sons of lies.

But God has called us to be well-known prisoners of Christ, keepers of the truth, defenders of the truth, a truth that no man can take and no principality could ever contain. The Kingdom of God is at hand.

In fact, it has been at hand. And while the world may still hope that there's some other truth out there that hasn't been discovered, your search is in vain.

How has it worked out so far? Look at man and how ignorant we are.

The Voyage Satellite's been out there for decades looking for something else. That's how we're looking for the truth in the world, they're that far out there.

Don't you agree? That's how far it's gone.

At some point, everybody's going to be faced with the truth.

At some point, Pilate found that out, and no one truly knows how his trial went with truth.

So the question for you is: How is your trial of truth going to end up?

Will you become a son of the father of lies or the son of the true and living God?

It would seem that Pilate loved the kingdom, he loved that kingdom that he was under the rulership of. But in the end, that kingdom, as well as all earthly kingdoms will fall, and that fall will be great.

But you do not have to be a part of that destruction because we all can be part of the kingdom of truth that lasts forever. That is the kingdom of God, and God desires us to be reconciled to Him. And it is childlike simple to do by the good news of Jesus Christ.

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And the Gospel of Jesus Christ is that Christ died for our sins, according to the scriptures, that He was buried and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures. A-B-C simple, not the only way, but a way to be saved, by first acknowledge that you are a sinner; we're all sinners. We need a Savior, and that Savior is Jesus the Christ.

Romans Chapter 3:10 says that **"As it is written: "There is none righteous, no, not one."**

And *verse 23* says, **"For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God."**

This means no one gets into heaven absent the Savior. No matter how good people think they are, you're never good enough. And it's shown in *Chapter 6:23*.

The Bible says, **"For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord."**

That represents the A. The B stands for 'believe,' while the C stands for 'confess' with your mouth, and both are captured in the *Book of Romans Chapter 10:9-10*, as the Word of God reads, **"That if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation."**

Please know that the trial of truth is over. It's over according to the Word of God. God has the victory. It's already been won, and Jesus will establish His Kingdom very soon.

In His Word, He specifically says in *2 Peter in Chapter 3:9*, **"The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance."**

Do not turn this free gift that we do not deserve down. The Bible says the government will be placed on His shoulders, and I encourage you to be a part of His government and not the son of lies that His feet will stomp to death.

Why don't we all stand so we can pray?

Father in heaven, I want to thank You, Lord, for Your word of truth, Your mighty and powerful word. No matter how simple, no matter how complex, You go forth before it and You just make it so. Your truth is unbreakable and unshakable. And give us the hearts of truth to be able to speak it boldly as You have proclaimed and let us be good witnesses with the time we have remaining here that You've given us.

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We thank You for the power of the Holy Spirit, and may it be endowed upon all who hear this message this day. In the mighty name of Jesus the Christ, we do pray, amen.