## Jesus is not a liar!

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What is truth and can we know it? Truth (by definition) is factual and absolute in nature. Therefore, truth cannot be subjective. Truth can't be whatever we want it to be, and truth doesn't have to meet with our approval.

For this purpose, many times the truth is hard for us to accept, and so we deny it, we avoid it, and deny it. Some denounce the existence of the divine creator by saying that there is no such thing as absolute truth. If there is a divine creator of all things, then it goes without saying that all truth exists in Him for all things come from Him.

## The evidence of God -

**Romans 1:19** For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes, His eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly seen, being understood through what has been made, so that they are without excuse.

The evidence of the bible -

- the science of archeology
- fulfillment of biblical prophecies: Approximately 2,500 prophecies appear in the pages of the Bible, about 2,000 of which already have been fulfilled to the letter.

(Isaiah 42:8–9) I will not give My glory to another: behold, the former things have come to pass, Now I declare new things; Before they spring forth, I proclaim them to you.

The evidence for Christ -

- The fulfillment of scriptures (over 300 prophecies)
- His miracles were witnessed and recorded.
- His resurrection
- The witness of the Holy Spirit in those who have placed faith in Him.

God has revealed Himself to us through His word, and His word was made flesh.

**John 1:14** And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us, and we saw His glory, glory as of the only begotten from the Father, full of grace and truth.

Truth is a person – truth is the eternal Son of God – truth is Jesus the Christ!!!

*"You will know the truth, and the truth will make you free,"* (Jesus, Christ) - John 8:32. A liar has something to hide, but truth sets you free from what the lies are hiding.

Men Are Liars! We lie to ourselves when we don't like the truth.

**John 3:19–21** <sup>19</sup> "This is the judgment, that the Light has come into the world, and men loved the darkness rather than the Light, for their deeds were evil. <sup>20</sup> "For everyone who does evil hates the Light and does not come to the Light for fear that his deeds will be exposed. <sup>21</sup> "But he who practices the truth comes to the Light, so that his deeds may be manifested as having been wrought in God."

Man is not the source of truth especially concerning God. Apart from Christ, we don't know truth. What do we know about God? We are from the earth. Jesus came down from Heaven!

**John 8:23** And He was saying to them, "You are from below, I am from above; you are of this world, I am not of this world." ["If I said I didn't know Him I would be a liar just like you," (Jesus – Jn. 8:55]

Who do we believe? The Holy Spirit convicts the world of sin, judgment, and righteousness. Paul said to the Corinthians, "My message and my preaching were not with wise and persuasive words, but with a demonstration of the Spirit's power," 1 Corinthians 2:4 (NIV).

## Sin is a Liar! (men are liars, sin is a liar)

**Hebrews 3:12–13** (NIV) <sup>12</sup> See to it, brothers and sisters, that none of you has a sinful, unbelieving heart that turns away from the living God. <sup>13</sup> But encourage one another daily, as long as it is called "Today," so that none of you may be hardened by sin's deceitfulness.

Deceitfulness of sin – It causes the heart to get hard and callous. The more a person sins, the harder and more sinful he becomes. Sin begets sin; sin nourishes more sin. The more a person sins, the easier it is for him to sin. One sin prepares the heart for the next sin.

**The lie of sin** – "You can't be saved by grace." "You can't break free!" Unbelief causes one to turn away from the living God.

John 8:36 (NIV) "So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed." [Jesus is not a liar!!!]

Satan is a Liar!!! ("The Father of all Lies" - John 8:44) (men are liars, sin is a liar, Satan is a liar)

**2** Corinthians 4:4 (NIV) The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel that displays the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.

Satan is a liar with a lot to hide. (e.g. his temptation in the beginning in the perfect garden of Eden)

He lies to hide pain; emptiness; brokenness; devastation of families, of lives; he hides the terror of Hell and eternal damnation.

**John 14:6** (NIV) Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

Who wants to stop the lies today? Stop lying to yourself – turn from sin's deception! – tell Satan, "NO MORE LIES."

"Whosoever believes in Me," (Jesus Christ).