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JOHN

Sermon Series: The Gospel of John: Who is Jesus?

Today's Sermon: No Filter

Today's Scriptures: John 1:14-18

Date: February 15, 2026

Congregational Reading:

John 1:14-16, “The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth. No one has ever seen God, but the one and only Son, who is himself God and is in closest relationship with the Father, has made him known.”

Bottom Line: Grace welcomes us. Truth confronts us. Together, they transform us.

1. Grace Without Truth Offers Comfort Without a Cure. (John 1:16-17)

- If grace is severed from truth:
 - We soothe the symptoms without confronting the source.
 - We seek comfort without pursuing healing.
 - We skip the diagnosis and ignore what caused the damage.
 - We settle for survival instead of wholeness.

Application question:

Where in your life are you avoiding what needs to be addressed?

2. Truth Without Grace Offers Correction Without Compassion.

- If truth is severed from grace:
 - We confront failure without offering forgiveness.
 - We call out what is wrong without calling people forward.
 - We correct without coming close.
 - We condemn instead of helping people change.



Application question:

Where in your life do you feel condemned, hopeless, or helpless?

3. Together, Grace and Truth Transform Us.

- When we receive both grace and truth:
 - We can come close without covering up.
 - We can come clean without the fear of being cast out.
 - We can be corrected without being crushed.
 - We can change without living under condemnation.

Application question:

Where in your life do you need to let grace welcome you and truth transform you?

benediction and blessing:

May the grace of our Lord Jesus meet you where you are today.
May the grace of Christ receive you, and the truth of Christ steady you.
May the Spirit guard your heart from shame and steady your steps to walk in freedom.

Stand firm in His truth, and rest secure in His freely given grace.
Now, go forth with the assurance that you are known, loved, and forgiven.

And may the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus, now and always.

In the Name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Cultural View of Truth	What It Means	John's View of Truth	What John Says About Jesus
"My truth"	Truth begins with personal experience.	Truth is revealed by God	Jesus shows us what God is actually like, not just what we think He's like.
Moral relativism	Truth changes with culture and preference.	Truth is consistent and trustworthy	Jesus reveals God's truth, even when it challenges cultural norms.
Authenticity	"I am most true when I express myself."	Truth is alignment with God's design.	Jesus shows us what it means to be faithful to God.
Truth as information	Truth is correct teaching or data.	Truth is a knowable person.	Jesus doesn't just teach about God. He brings us into a relationship
Institutional-based truth	Truth is defined by systems, authorities, or organizations.	Truth flows from God's character.	Jesus reveals God's truth even when it challenges religious, political, or cultural institutions.
Therapeutic truth	Truth should never disrupt comfort.	Truth leads to life, sometimes through discomfort.	Jesus tells the truth because He loves us and wants us healed, not merely affirmed.