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The whole Christian faith is built on the belief that Jesus really was ____ from the grave.

Jesus answered, 'My Kingdom is not an earthly kingdom. If it were, my followers would fight to keep me from being handed over to the Jewish leaders. But my Kingdom is not of this world.' Pilate said, 'So you are a king?' Jesus responded, 'You say I am a king. Actually, I was born and came into the world to testify to the truth. All who love the truth recognize that what I say is true.' 'What is truth?' Pilate asked....'

—John 18:36-38 (NLT)

Many today say that there is no final, absolute authority for what determines truth or right and wrong, and to believe that, or worse, to try to share that with another, is ____ and ____.

If a person chooses to believe there is no ____ truth, they end up with a “whatever feels good” mentality and lifestyle.



Rev. Elizabeth Moreau: “Truth is the accurate depiction of ____.”

There are ____ for denying there is truth.

Anything less than acknowledging that there is objective truth will always, eventually, bring painful consequences, because make believe doesn’t change reality - it only ____ it for a while.

A good question to ask folks who say, “There’s no absolute truth” is to ask them, “Are you ____ sure of that?”

The denial of truth is full of self-____.

If there is truth, what, or ____, determines truth, determines it’s validity?

If you believe there is a God, who created all there is, regardless of exactly what happened, then that Creator would clearly know ____ than any of us.

The Bible itself testifies that God, through His Spirit, ____ the writing of the Bible to teach us truth.

All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives. It corrects us when we are wrong and teaches us to

do what is right. God uses it to prepare and equip his people to do every good work.

—2 Timothy 3:16-17 (NLT)

Your word [O LORD] is a lamp to guide my feet and a light for my path.

—Psalms 119:105 (NLT)

Does any other understanding of a God or Creator better line up with reality, with truth, than what the ___ teaches us?

The Bible itself encourages us to examine ____.

Dear friends, do not believe everyone who claims to speak by the Spirit. You must test them to see if the spirit they have comes from God. For there are many false prophets in the world.

—1 John 4:1 (NLT)

And the people of Berea were more open-minded than those in Thessalonica, and they listened eagerly to Paul's message. They searched the Scriptures day after day to see if Paul and Silas were teaching the truth. As a result, many Jews believed, as did many of the prominent Greek women and men.

—Acts 17:11-12 (NLT)

The Bible's writers make many of its claims based on history and ___ eyewitnesses.

Luke: Many people have set out to write accounts about the events that have been fulfilled among us. They used the eyewitness reports circulating among us from the early disciples. Having carefully investigated everything from the beginning, I also have decided to write an accurate account for you, most honorable Theophilus, so you can be certain of the truth of everything you were taught.

—Luke 1:1-4 (NLT)

Peter: For we were not making up clever stories when we told you about the powerful coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. We saw his majestic splendor with our own eyes...
—2 Peter 1:16 (NLT)

John: The disciples saw Jesus do many other miraculous signs in addition to the ones recorded in this book. But these are written so that you may continue to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing in him you will have life by the power of his name.

—John 20:30-31 (NLT)

The Bible affirms that at the center of all these claims is

_____.

Jesus: 'Don't misunderstand why I have come. I did not come to abolish the law of Moses or the writings of the prophets. No, I came to accomplish their purpose. I tell you the truth, until heaven and earth disappear, not even the smallest detail of God's law will disappear until its purpose is achieved.'

—Matthew 5:17-18 (NLT)

Jesus: ... 'I tell you the truth, the Son can do nothing by himself. He does only what he sees the Father doing. Whatever the Father does, the Son also does.'

—John 5:19 (NLT)

The Bible claims that Jesus, the Son of God, is _____ with God the Father.

'In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. In him was life, and the life was the light of men.

—John 1:1-4 (ESV)

Jesus: 'The Father and I are one.'

—John 10:30 (NLT)

As God, Jesus claims he not only speaks God's truth - He is "the ____."

Jesus: ... 'I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one can come to the Father except through me.'

—John 14:6 (NLT)

I am trying here to prevent anyone saying the really foolish thing that people often say about Him: I'm ready to accept Jesus as a great moral teacher, but I don't accept his claim to be God. That is the one thing we must not say. A man who was merely a man and said the sort of things Jesus said would not be a great moral teacher. He would either be a lunatic — on the level with the man who says he is a poached egg — or else he would be the Devil of Hell. You must make your choice. Either this man was, and is, the Son of God, or else a madman or something worse. You can shut him up for a fool, you can spit at him and kill him as a demon or you can fall at his feet and call him Lord and God, but let us not come with any patronizing nonsense about his being a great human teacher. He has not left that open to us. He did not intend to.

—C.S. Lewis

Ultimate, claiming Jesus is "the way, the truth, and the life," that he is the standard and source of all truth, is a ____ statement.

If Jesus is the source of all truth, if the Bible embodies that truth for us, for all people, then Jesus is worthy of all praise, glory and honor - he deserves my ____.

If Jesus is the source of truth, he is our ____ for determining what is true by following him as his ____.

If Jesus is the source of truth, I need to tell ____ about him.

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