

# What is truth?



It seems to have been going on for ever... two things actually, there's the American Election Primaries... and there's the EU Referendum debate! In both there are two sides, each saying their argument is the truth! Who do you believe?

Then there are the newspapers, and other media, often accused of misrepresenting the truth. What or who do you believe? Who is telling the truth?

When faced with Jesus at his trial, Pilate asked that famous, perhaps rhetorical question, 'What is truth?' Interesting really when Jesus had previously declared himself to be 'The truth'.

In our faith and belief how do we know the truth? John's gospel records Jesus words when he was teaching the disciples about the Holy Spirit when he comes... In chapter 14:16 Jesus says *'I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you for ever - the Spirit of truth.'* And in 16:13 Jesus says, *'When he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all the truth.'*...

So Jesus seems to have a lot to say about 'truth'. That is not surprising though. He came to us as the 'Truth' of God... truthfully representing and reflecting who God is... *'If you have seen me,'* Jesus said *'You have seen the Father'*. The Holy Spirit comes to us as the Spirit of Truth, and His work in our hearts and lives is to lead us to all truth, and that is found in knowing Jesus who is 'The Truth'.

In a world where 'Truth' is an increasingly rare commodity, and people are searching for something that is true and firm and lasting and good, and searching for meaning and purpose, to offer Jesus as the answer, as the truth, is sometimes thought to be offensive.

Yet it is for you to decide. Jesus offers himself as 'The Truth'... He is what God is, love exemplifying, self sacrificing, grace giving, hope offering, comfort giving, strength instilling, forgiveness speaking, life giving...

Truth? What is truth? 'Suck it and see'! as the saying goes!

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