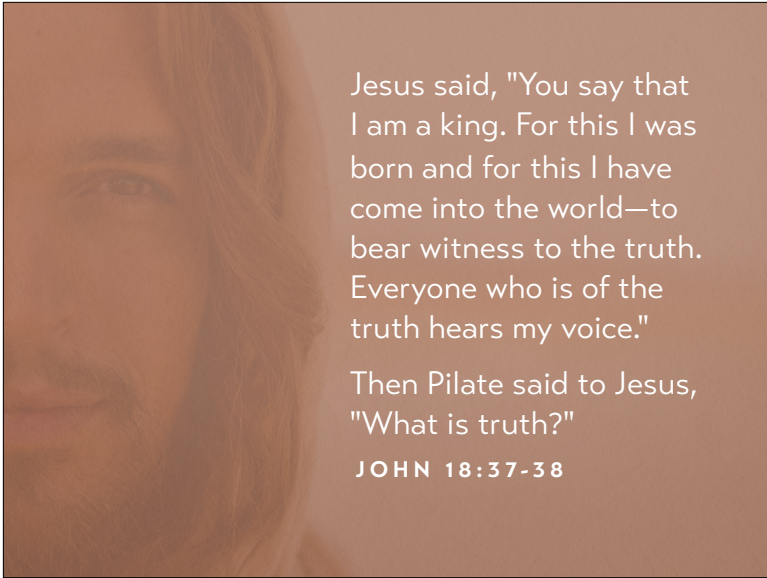


"My kingdom is not of this world. If it were, my servants would fight to prevent my arrest. But my kingdom is from another place."

JOHN 18:36



Jesus said, "You say that I am a king. For this I was born and for this I have come into the world—to bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth hears my voice."

Then Pilate said to Jesus, "What is truth?"

JOHN 18:37-38



THE IMPLICATIONS OF JESUS' CLAIM

There is absolute truth—an external, authoritative, changeless code by which we should order our lives.

"I was born into the world for this: to bear witness to the truth." v37

Truth is KNOWABLE:

it was revealed to the world in Christ's birth
—"this is why I was born."

Truth is RELIABLE:

it came from an External Source
—"I came into the world."

Truth is AUTHORITATIVE:

it gives meaning to our lives
—"those who hear my voice are of the truth."

CULTURE'S FEAR OF TRUTH

Absolute truth is MISGUIDED

because it presumes to know what God thinks.

Absolute truth is IMMORAL

because it produces intolerance and prejudice.

Absolute truth is DANGEROUS

because it demands accountability for how people live.



RELATIVISM

belief in changeable standards.



the **PROBLEM** with **RELATIVISM**

It is self-contradictory:

to say, "There is no absolute truth," itself is an absolute.

It is anti-Christ:

it cannot be squared with Jesus' claim of bearing witness to the truth.

THE IMPLICATIONS OF JESUS' CLAIM

There is authenticated testimony to truth's reliability—Jesus' life and message.

"This is why I've come into the world: to bear witness to the truth." v37

Knowing Truth is True

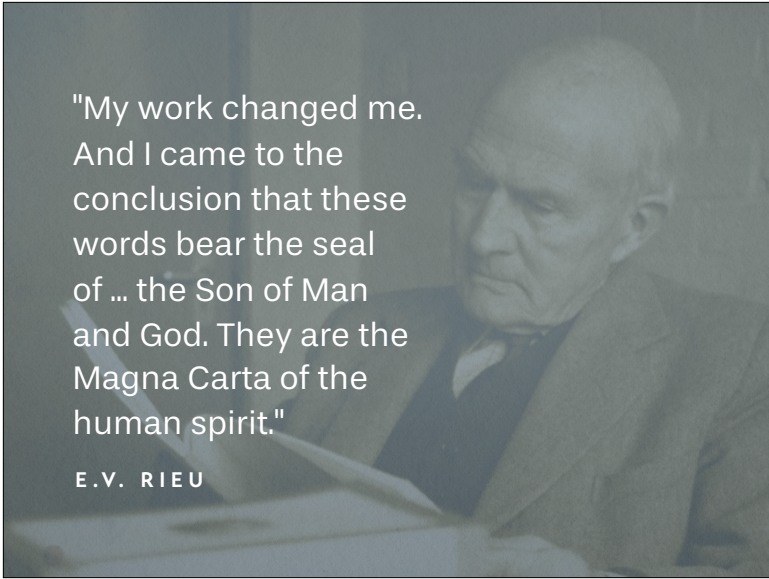
Read the eyewitness accounts—the Gospels.

Examine the life and teachings of Jesus.

Ask God for help.

Make a judgment of the witnesses' credibility.





"My work changed me.
And I came to the
conclusion that these
words bear the seal
of ... the Son of Man
and God. They are the
Magna Carta of the
human spirit."

E. V. RIEU

Truth forever on the scaffold,
Wrong forever on the throne
Yet that scaffold sways the future,
And, behind the dim unknown
Standeth God within the shadow,
Keeping watch above his own.

JAMES RUSSELL LOWELL

THE IMPLICATIONS OF JESUS' CLAIM

***Absolute truth demands absolute
allegiance—personal responsibility
to the Truth Giver.***

Then Pilate said to Jesus, "What is truth?" v38

No one pleads ignorance or suspends judgment on moral issues that personally matter.

Agnosticism and relativism are obliterated when life and liberty are on the line.



**"Everyone who
is of the truth
hears my voice."
John 18:3**
