

What is Truth?

Truth or Fiction About Chris Bender

I'm over twice the weight I was as a sophomore in high school and I'm OK with that.

I worked hard at public speaking in high school and was blessed to win a prestigious award.

When I first met Paula, I prayed for her in a small group, but called her another name (due to mistaken identity).

I competed in football, basketball, soccer, track, martial arts, and tennis, but my worst injury was in tennis.

So Called "Truths" Taught in 21st Century

Animals have more worth and value than unborn babies.

Humans have more than 2 genders.

You are truly successful if you are wealthy.

God, if He exists, can be whoever you want Him to be, except a God who judges.

Jesus cleanses the temple (the first time) when He discovers the priests were abusing their power (John 2)

Jesus explains the truth about being born again & indicates the way He will give up his life (John 3)

Jesus answers that He is the way, the truth, & the life & only through Him do we come to the Father (John 14)

The Ministry

of Jesus

John 18:28-32 (ESV) ²⁸ Then they led Jesus from the house of

Caianhas to the governor's headquarters. It was early morning

Rome perfected crucifixion for capital punishment. Did you know that scripture describes Jesus' crucifixion before crucifixion was invented?

Pilate went outside to them and said, "What accusation do you bring against this man?" ³⁰ They answered him, "If this man were not doing evil, we would not have delivered him over to you."

³¹ Pilate said to them, "Take him yourselves and judge him by your own law." The Jews said to him, "It is not lawful for us to put anyone to death." ³² This was to fulfill the word that Jesus had spoken to show by what kind of death he was going to die.

John 18:33-35 (NKJV) ³³ Then Pilate entered the Praetorium again, called Jesus, and said to Him, "Are You the King of the Jews?" ³⁴ Jesus answered him, "Are you speaking for yourself about this, or did others tell you this concerning Me?" ³⁵ Pilate answered, "Am I a Jew? Your own nation and the chief priests have delivered You to me. What have You done?"

It is likely that Pilate has a sarcastic tone with this question, but he's also, likely, very curious as to why there is such a fuss about Jesus and about what authority He may have.

Jesus, potentially, responds with this question due to Pilate's attitude and to press into Pilate's heart. Pilate, again, displays how frustrated he is that he's put in the middle of this situation.

Have you been put on the spot about who you think Jesus is?
How you live your life also helps answer this question.

John 18:36-37 (NASB) ³⁶ Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not of this world. If My kingdom were of this world, then My servants would

Without total surrender to Jesus, do you realize that your view of truth will be notably skewed by your other interests?

³⁷ Therefore Pilate said to Him, "So You are a king?"

Jesus answered, "You say *correctly* that I am a king. For this I have been born, and for this I have come into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth hears My voice."

The spiritual Kingdom of God began with Jesus' ministry and would increase exponentially after His resurrection.

This was a challenging truth for 1st century believers to proclaim, that Jesus is Lord of all when all Roman territories were to proclaim Caesar as lord of all.

Again, Pilate wants to know what authority and power King Jesus has. Presently, he most certainly knows!

John 18:38-40 (ESV) ³⁸ Pilate said to him, "What is truth?"

After he had said this, he went back outside to the Jews and told them, "I find no guilt in him. ³⁹ But you have a custom that I should release one man for you at the Passover. So do you want me to release to you the King of the Jews?" ⁴⁰ They

cried out again, "Not this man, but Barabbas!" Now Barabbas was a robber.

Probably said sarcastically, Pilate, should've have waited for Jesus' response since he had The Truth in his presence *One Bar-Abbas was set free so that the unique "Bar-Abbas" would purchase our Salvation with His life* *The irony of this is that by Jesus not going free, true, everlasting freedom would be purchased for all who follow Him*

When THE Truth is presented to you, do you hear His voice and respond or do you ignore and choose the world?