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*Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. In fact, the reason I was born and came into the world is to testify to the truth. Everyone on the side of truth listens to me."*

*"What is truth?" retorted Pilate.*

**John 18:37-38**

## Oh, the People You'll Meet – Truth Skeptics

It's moving day, and no one is more bummed than Julian Jeremy Jaroo Jalloo. But when The Cat in the Hat appears, Julian is whisked away on a magical elevator ride. Then he meets all (or as many as he can meet in 24 minutes) of the interesting and whimsical people who may be in his future.

This month we'll walk with Jesus to his cross and his empty tomb. Along the way, we'll meet some of the people that Jesus met on his way to the cross and after his resurrection.

As you meet these people, you'll begin to recognize them. You'll recognize them as types of people you have met in your life already. If you haven't met these people yet, I assure you, you will meet them in your future.

Not only will you recognize them as people you've met, but you'll recognize a little bit of them in yourself. Their flaws are flaws you'll find when you look in your mirror. Their triumphs are victories you share through faith in Jesus.

The first person you meet is Pilate. He is skeptical of any claim of absolute truth. He, along with all the truth skeptics you'll meet, miss the irony of their claim, "There is no absolute truth!"

What do you do when you meet someone who holds that view? It is certainly wise to equip yourself with some rational arguments that can begin to break down the barriers these skeptics put up. The apostle Peter even tells us to "be prepared to give an answer" (cf. 1 Peter 3:15).

The best tool, however, is the Word of Truth. Jesus has given us testimony about what is true. He says that is one of the reasons he came into the world. His testimony reveals the truth of salvation. His testimony in the Bible may not reveal the answer to every question, but it has revealed the answer to the most important questions. It reveals the truth about me, about you, about any skeptic. We are sinners in need of salvation. It reveals the truth about our God. He is the one who has won our salvation. Through faith, he is the one who gifts us with salvation.

Those truths stand no matter how strongly people suppress the truth. Those truths stand even when we are tempted to suppress the truth—the truth about us or the truth about our God. And even when we doubt, Jesus comes to us again with his truth. Then, since he has brought us to the side of truth, we will listen to him. He is the God of Truth. He cannot lie. His Word is truth. And his truth will stand.

**Prayer:**

*Lord Jesus, you are the truth; your Word alone true wisdom can impart. You only can inform the mind and purify the heart. Amen.*

*Christian Worship 356:2*

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