

JESUS: THE VOICE OF TRUTH

John 18:37 *Pilate therefore said unto him, Art thou a king then? Jesus answered, Thou sayest that I am a king. To this end was I born, and for this cause came I into the world, that I should bear witness unto the truth. Every one that is of the truth heareth my voice.*

Pontius Pilate was concerned about whether Jesus was a King or not. Pilate was in the business of politics and power, which is why he was interested to know whether Jesus was a King. But the Lord Jesus was not that concerned about his Kingship at that moment. He was more concerned with the truth. He came to be a witness to the truth. “Pilate saith unto him, What is truth? And when he had said this, he went out again unto the Jews, and saith unto them, I find in him no fault at all (John 18:38). Many people, like Pilate, ask about the truth but they are too afraid to hear the answer and leave before Jesus declares the truth. So what is the truth? And, more importantly, do we want to hear it? Truth means that which is factual, that which is real; the opposite of falsehood. The truth is God himself. This is the first truth, and God is singular, one. “Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God is one LORD” (Deut 6:4). It is also the truth that God made everything that exists. “All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made” (John 1:3). It is also the truth that humans sinned against God and the wages of sin is death Look around you and look in yourself too: humans are clearly handicapped by sin.

Romans 5:12 *Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned:*

This is the sad truth in regard to humans. But God did not leave us without hope. There is a book that declared that God would himself come and take away our sins. This book is called the Bible. It is the only book that tells the truth about God. This book declared that God would be manifested in a body in Bethlehem. “But thou, Bethlehem Ephratah, though thou be little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of thee shall he come forth unto me that is to be ruler in Israel; whose goings forth have been from of old, from everlasting” (Micah 5:2). God has any witnesses, an army of witnesses. In addition to the Bible, he sent powerful angel called Gabriel to declare the name of God who was now revealed in flesh. “And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins” (Matthew 1:21).

The truth is that God is Jesus. “For in him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily” (Colossians 2:9). So why did he have to come in a body? The answer is that because sin dwells in the body, and so by putting on a body of his own Word, God could destroy sin. The body is the place where the power and consequences of sin is revealed, and so God put on a body with which he could destroy the workings of sin. “And you, that were sometime alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now hath he reconciled. In the body of his flesh through death, to present you holy and unblameable and unproveable in his sight” (Colossians 1:21,22). This also the truth, and all we need to do to experience it is to believe the Bible. The reason most of the world is not cured of the horrifying effects of sin is that they do not believe that Jesus is God and that he came to take away our sins through his death, burial and resurrection. There is a rare mental illness in which a person believes they are dead, do not exist, are putrefying, or have lost their blood or internal organs. Named after the French neurologist Jules Cotard, who first described the condition, individuals with Cotard’s syndrome often deny their own existence. I pray that we will not suffer from Cotard’s delusion in relation to the truth of salvation.

Once one has come this far, the next step is to put away sins in the name of Jesus. “Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost” (Acts 2:38). This is the truth concerning salvation. God wants to give us a new body in which sin cannot dwell. The Devil will have o place to deposit his sins. Through Jesus we will have a new body, renewed spirit, and a new address in heaven when we leave this world. All this is the truth which Jesus came to testify. “Every one that is of the truth heareth my voice” (John 18:37). The truth came to us: it put on a body, feet, and walked towards us. We don’t need to travel somewhere to receive this truth – it is here coming out of my mouth and pen. The truth is greater than a King. This is why Jesus wanted to speak about the truth, not Kingship. There are many conversations in the world right now but none is greater than the truth. Today we are blessed because we have given honor to this truth. May God bless your ears and soul for loving this truth.

John 8:32 And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.