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Testifying to Truth
John 18:36-40

Jesus' mission: the reason I was born and came into the world is to testify to the truth.

My truth vs your truth. likes vs dislikes

Without objective truth, we could not do science. When the doctor comes into the room after tests you don't want to hear, "I feel you are healthy"; unless you are afraid of the truth and would rather prefer denial. Denial is the defense against reality.

- Instruments must be accurate.
- There may be limitations to observing reality: colorblindness
- "A Beautiful Mind" He had to deny what he perceived as reality to be in reality

Pilate: "What is truth" No truth leads a fictional journey to a fictional destination.

Denial that Jesus is worth following according to his opinion.

From no truth to truth: "I find no guilt in him" He is no threat to me.

Passover: Celebrating Release: Who do you want me to release? A true insurrectionist or your king?

Leaders: Want the guilty freed and the guiltless punished

Arrest: Judas' betrayal due to the leaders not wanting to stir up the crowd, come at night

High Priest: Question Jesus about his disciples and his teaching – Ask those who heard

If I spoke the truth, why did you hit me?

Peter thought it was an earthly kingdom:

He goes from valiant defender to fearful denial

Jesus heals Peter's target of anger– You are getting in the way of my hope, my understanding

- 1) Servant girl "I am NOT" 2) Warming "I am NOT" 3) Malchus Relative "CURSES"

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Jesus: His kingdom it is not a physical fight against the ruling authorities.

Not hiding or fearing, preaching and teaching in public vs arrest at night vs 20

Not managing people's responses – Leaders are afraid of the people's response

Not managing people's interpretation of his actions

Want to know my motives, come ask me.

John 4:24 must worship in spirit and truth

John 8:31-32 "If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples.
³² Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."

John 8:43-45 why can't you hear?

John 14:6-7 I am the way the truth and the life

Romans 2:8 But for those who are self-seeking and who reject the truth and follow evil, there will be wrath and anger.

1 Corinthians 13:6 Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth.

John 10:37-38 Do not believe me unless I do the works of my Father.
³⁸ But if I do them, even though you do not believe me, believe the works, that you may know and understand that the Father is in me, and I in the Father."

"The Truth" leads to the only place worth going. Can you handle the truth?

Your actions expose the truth you are following

How would others define what you believe is true, meaningful, most important?