

Hope in Uncertain Times

Way, Truth & Life: Part 4 - Truth



Welcome, or welcome back if you're a regular listener, to The Fuelcast and also to:

"Hope in Uncertain Times" - because these times are uncertain for everybody and everybody is looking for hope.

'Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God^{1a}; believe also in me. ² My Father's house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? ³ And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. ⁴ You know the way to the place where I am going.'

⁵ Thomas said to him, 'Lord, we don't know where you are going, so how can we know the way?'

⁶ Jesus answered, 'I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. ⁷ If you really know me, you will know my Father as well. From now on, you do know him and have seen him.'

Today I invite you to focus on Jesus as the truth, BUT What's truth look like in a world of fake news?

I love the quiz programme on TV, *The Chase*, and last week, I looked up Shaun Wallace. Via the internet, I read he was married to a woman called Matilda, but then found out he'd had to take legal action - he didn't even know a woman called Matilda. It left me wondering of what I read, what can I believe?

Jesus says: 'I am the truth'. You and I might be able to claim we know the truth, but none of us can claim we are the truth.

You and I ... we're capable of knowing truth, but we can't claim to actually *be* truth. There are too many things I don't know, and too many things I get wrong.

Jesus claims to *be* truth, and in doing so claims to be one with God.

In him there is nothing false, nothing misleading, and nothing fake or uncertain.

It's a staggering claim and for two thousand years people have reacted to it with hatred, denial, avoidance, but also, like me and hopefully you, those who *receive him*. with a welcome embrace,

'to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God'. John 1:12

For two thousand years, in every single generation, there have been those who have tried to deny the truth of who Jesus is. But today, in the face of death, amidst the most advanced technology and the greatest scientific advances, the world has yet known, the fact, Jesus is the truth, remains.

When you want to figure out what is the truth and what is a lie, measure it against the words of Jesus, who himself is the truth.

Of course, there's also living evidence he is, who he says is, in the transformed lives of ordinary people like you.

The truth lives on in you, so be encouraged and live today based on the truth.

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