



WEEK FIVE

# PILATE

JOHN SERIES



ENCOUNTERS



JOHN 18:28-40





### **John 18:28-30 ESV**

Then they led Jesus from the house of Caiaphas to the governor's headquarters. It was early morning. They themselves did not enter the governor's headquarters, so that they would not be defiled, but could eat the Passover. <sup>29</sup> So Pilate went outside to them and said, "What accusation do you bring against this man?" <sup>30</sup> They answered him, "If this man were not doing evil, we would not have delivered him over to you."



**John 18:31-34 ESV**

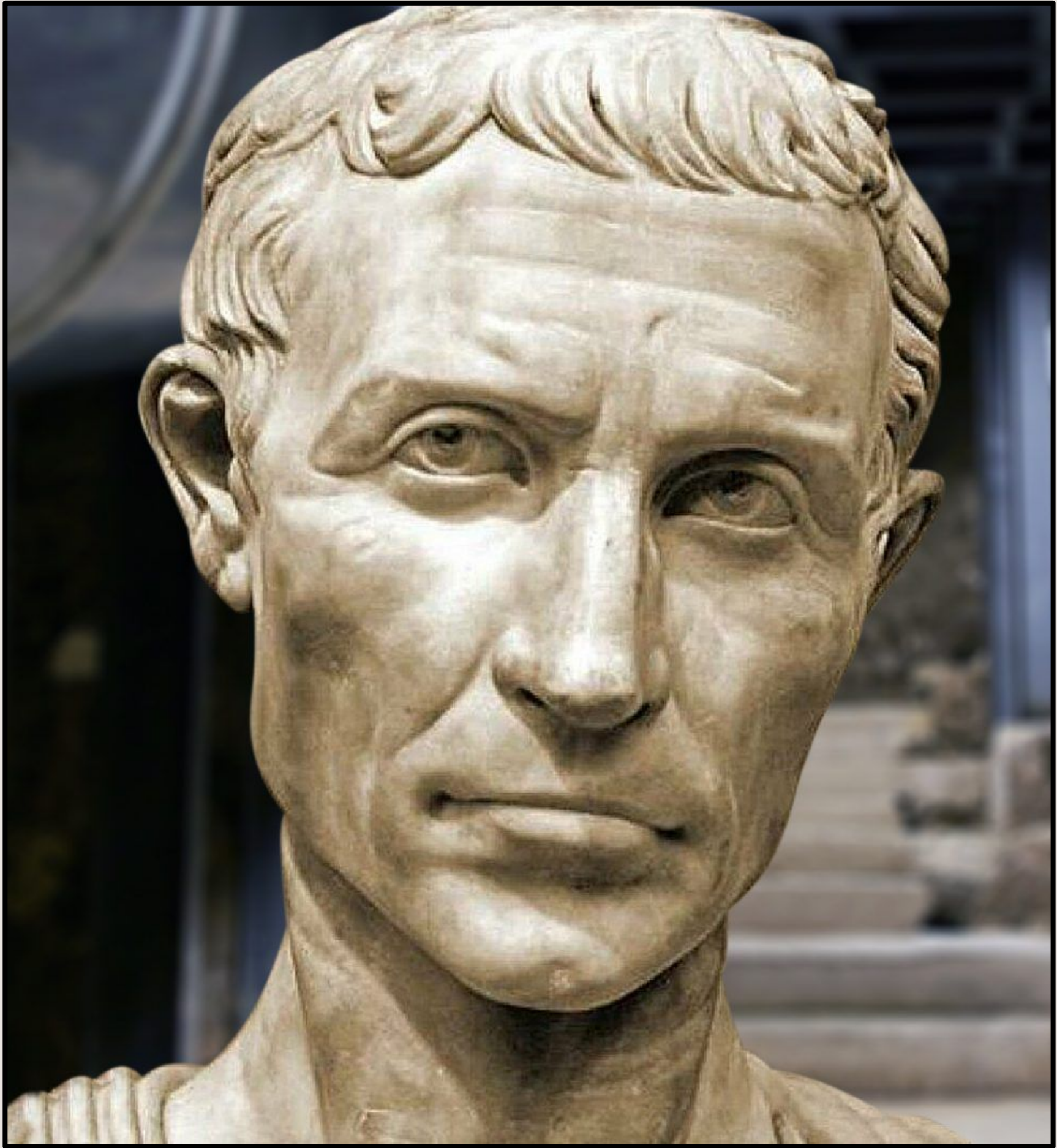
Pilate said to them, “Take him yourselves and judge him by your own law.” The Jews said to him, “It is not lawful for us to put anyone to death.” <sup>32</sup> This was to fulfill the word that Jesus had spoken to show by what kind of death he was going to die. <sup>33</sup> So Pilate entered his headquarters again and called Jesus and said to him, “Are you the King of the Jews?” <sup>34</sup> Jesus answered, “Do you say this of your own accord, or did others say it to you about me?”



### **John 18:35-38 ESV**

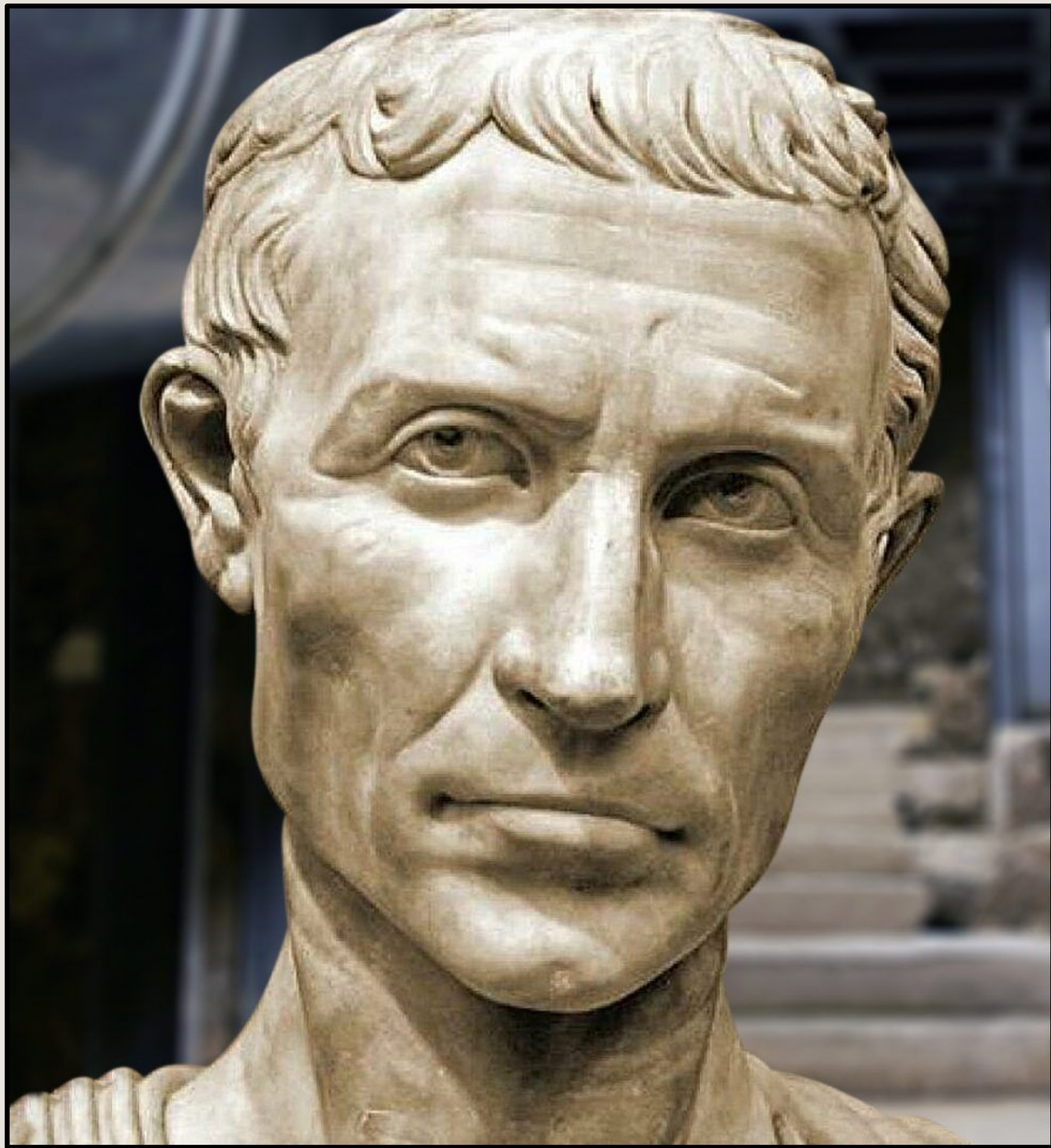
Pilate answered, “Am I a Jew? Your own nation and the chief priests have delivered you over to me. What have you done?”  
<sup>36</sup> Jesus answered, “My kingdom is not of this world. If my kingdom were of this world, my servants would have been fighting, that I might not be delivered over to the Jews. But my kingdom is not from the world.” <sup>37</sup> Then Pilate said to him, “So you are a king?” Jesus answered, “You say that I am a king. For this purpose I was born and for this purpose I have come into the world—to bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth listens to my voice.” <sup>38</sup> Pilate said to him, “What is truth?”





**Photo Source**  
[evidence-for-the-bible.com/archeological-evidence-for-the-bible/archeological-evidence-for-pontius-pilate/](https://evidence-for-the-bible.com/archeological-evidence-for-the-bible/archeological-evidence-for-pontius-pilate/)





“What is truth?”

Photo Source  
[evidence-for-the-bible.com/archeological-evidence-for-the-bible/archeological-evidence-for-pontius-pilate/](https://evidence-for-the-bible.com/archeological-evidence-for-the-bible/archeological-evidence-for-pontius-pilate/)



Is truth...



personal/subjective or  
universal/objective?



Is truth...



personal/subjective or  
universal/objective?  
**fluid or fixed?**





Is truth...



personal/subjective or  
universal/objective?  
fluid or fixed?  
**knowable or unknowable?**



**Truth is that which  
corresponds to reality.**





# Jesus came to show us the truth



## John 18:37 ESV

...Jesus answered, “You say that I am a king.  
**For this purpose I was born and for this  
purpose I have come into the world—to bear  
witness to the truth.** Everyone who is of the  
truth listens to my voice.”





Jesus came to  
show us the truth



about God



Jesus came to  
show us the truth  
about God



**John 1:18 NIV**

No one has ever seen God, but the one and only Son, who is himself God and is in closest relationship with the Father, has made him known.

**John 14:7, 9 ESV**

If you had known me, you would have known my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him....<sup>9</sup> Whoever has seen me has seen the Father....

**Colossians 1:15, 19 NIV**

The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation...<sup>19</sup> For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him,



Jesus came to  
show us the truth



about God  
about ourselves





Jesus came to  
show us the truth  
about ourselves



**John 3:16 ESV**

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

**1 John 4:10 ESV**

In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.



“God loves each one of us as if  
there is only one of us to love.”

- Augustine of Hippo, *Confessions*



Jesus came to  
show us the truth  
about ourselves



We are loved more than  
we can comprehend.





Jesus came to  
show us the truth  
about ourselves



John 1:4-5 ESV

In [Jesus] was life, and the life was the light of men. <sup>5</sup>  
The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness  
has not overcome it.

John 3:19-20 ESV

And this is the judgment: the light has come into the  
world, and people loved the darkness rather than the  
light because their works were evil. <sup>20</sup> For everyone  
who does wicked things hates the light and does not  
come to the light, lest his works should be exposed.



Jesus came to  
show us the truth  
about ourselves



**Romans 3:9b-10, 22b-23 ESV**

For we have already charged that all, both Jews and Greeks, are under sin, <sup>10</sup> as it is written: “None is righteous, no, not one;”

<sup>22</sup> For there is no distinction: <sup>23</sup> for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.



**Jesus came to  
show us the truth  
about ourselves**



**We are loved more than  
we can comprehend.**

**We are more broken by sin  
than we believe.**





Jesus came to  
show us the truth



about God  
about ourselves  
about life



Jesus came to  
show us the truth  
about life



John 18:36 ESV

Jesus answered, “**My kingdom is not of this world.** If my kingdom were of this world, my servants would have been fighting, that I might not be delivered over to the Jews. **But my kingdom is not from the world.**”



Jesus came to  
show us the truth  
about life



John 17:3 ESV

And this is eternal life, that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent.

1 John 5:11-12 ESV

And this is the testimony, that God gave us eternal life, **and this life is in his Son.** <sup>12</sup> **Whoever has the Son has life;** whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.



Jesus came to  
show us the truth



about God  
about ourselves  
about life



Knowing truth is more than having knowledge of information, facts or data. Knowing **THE TRUTH** requires having a relationship with Jesus Christ who says, “**I AM** the truth.”

