

# JESUS IS THE TRUTH

**'I am the way, the truth and the life' - Jesus**

The right way is always based on truth and leads to life. The wrong way is based on lies and leads to death.

**'There is a way that seems right to a man, but its end is the way to death.' - Proverbs 14:12 NKJV**

The early Christian church was referred to as 'The Way'- Acts 24:14. When I taught a course on church growth in London in the early 1990's, I used several churches as good models, which included one by Jack Hayford called 'The Church on the Way', which was also the title of his book which detailed their amazing history. A great church has room for only one 'Mr. Big' and that person must be Jesus. Whenever a church loses its focus on Jesus first, it can become vulnerable to tangents, half-truths and even lies. Many church leaders become proud and egotistic. Many develop an 'edifice complex' where they base the value of their ministry based on the size and splendor of their buildings. Even Jesus' disciples seem to have been affected by this - Matthew 24:1; Luke 21:5.

Many once great church denominations and ministries are dying because they have neglected Jesus as the only way and the truth. They have believed the lies of our modern culture and have been ashamed of Jesus and his truth. They have become more concerned about pleasing people than pleasing God. Jesus lived the truth and taught it. The Jewish leaders sent their disciples 'to trap Jesus' with a query about whether to pay taxes to Caesar. They prefaced this with the statement:

**'Teacher, we know you are a man of integrity and that you teach the way of God in accordance with the truth. You aren't swayed by men, because you pay no attention to who they are.' - Matthew 22:16 NIV**

Jesus told the truth about the devil.

**He was a murderer from the beginning, not holding to the truth, for there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks his native language, for he is a liar and the Father of lies. - John 8:44 NIV**

Since the beginning of time, all persons have told lies and some are serial liars who take after their father the devil. Only one person has always told the truth. His name is Jesus, who is also the anointed one (the Christ). That meant that He is King, for it was kings who were anointed. Those who follow Jesus the way, live by the truth and experience true life, not only in this life, but in the one to come.

**'Jesus, you are the truth, where else can we go besides you, for you alone have the words of eternal life. Peter spoke those words to you and we agree too. You are the only way, the only truth, the only life.' - John 6:68-69**

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