



# “Do You Know The Truth?”

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## I. **John 8:31-36**

### A. Two Key Words

1. **Know – To Be Aware of the Truth; To Discern**
2. **Truth – The Body of Real Things, Events, and Facts: Actuality**

### B. What Is Truth?

1. **John 14:6** “I am the way, the truth, and the life...”
  - Not “A” Way, but THE way...
  - Not “A” truth, but THE truth...
  - Not “A” Life, but THE life...
2. And who is Jesus? The Word of God (**John 1:1-3**); the one who created and sustains all things...
3. So in order to know the truth, you must **Know Him & Be Known By Him...**
  - The Root Word of Knowledge is “Know” – **Hosea 4:1-6** (No truth and no knowledge of God...the time we live in now).
  - Knowing Jesus is when you come to Him and receive Him as your savior; but being Known by Him is when Jesus becomes your Lord (This is where Freedom is) – **John 10:27; John 15:7**
  - What does Satan come to steal? The Word (last week’s message); and if he cannot steal it, he will do everything he can to compromise it.
  - The point of this timely message is within the question: Do you know the truth? What we think we know to be true...is it really true? Our guideline can only be one thing: The Word of God!

## II. Truth vs. Lie

### A. Garden of Eden

1. Satan questioned God’s truth in the beginning....Think about this: God said, “*In the day that you eat thereof (of the forbidden tree), you will surely die.*” / Satan said, “*You will not die...but you will KNOW (Gain knowledge)...*”
2. Question: Did Man Die? (We know the definition of death as no life, deceased, expired; but God’s knowledge of death is different – The TRUTH is this: Death is not expiration but separation...from God.) So in order to Know the truth, we must renew our minds to not only hear the truth, but receive the truth...

### B. Jesus spoke a completely different language (truth):

1. In 2 places, Jesus said these words, “*He/She is not dead, but sleeps.*” / If you said that today, what would people say? They would say, you are lying. Jesus did not lie because He cannot lie...so that causes us to dig a little deeper.

Jesus was speaking truth...not the way the world perceives it, but the way that God sees it.

2. God's way of thinking (Heavenly Thinking) is what you should desire most...This is where you go from "Knowing Jesus" to being "Known By Him."  
- This is where Revelation KNOWLEDGE gives you a new identity like Peter had (Most Christians KNOW Jesus' Identity, but they never KNOW their own!)
  3. When you THINK THE WORD, you will speak the word (The Application of Truth).
    - Why did the woman say, "It is well", when things were not well?
    - You cannot speak the truth, if you do not know the truth...
    - Now we go back to what Jesus said to the Jews: *"If you continue in My Word, then you are my disciples..."* (Every learning...*The Fear of the Lord is the beginning of KNOWLEDGE*), and you will KNOW the truth and the Truth will Make You Free...
    - How many people can say, "I am free?" – When Jesus was asleep in the ship, there was no fear....He simply applied truth (Heavenly facts) over natural circumstances (Lie) when He said, "Peace, Be Still." / Stop accepting winds and turmoil as a way of life ("It is what it is" syndrome); see it for what it really is (a lie from Satan trying to steal your blessing) and speak to it – *"Satan, you are a liar...Get behind me in Jesus Name!"*
- C. Satan's knowledge
1. **John 8:44** *"Satan is the father of lies and there is no truth in him."*
  2. **Daniel 12:44** *"Knowledge shall be increased."* (Unfortunately, this is not God's knowledge, but Satan's....just like in the Garden of Eden; the purpose is to replace/drown out the real truth.)