

## The Tragedy of Lies (vv. 39-47)

- A trusting heart \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus (v. 42a)
- Jesus was \_\_\_\_\_ by the Father (v. 42b)
- A trusting heart is freed from the \_\_\_\_\_ of Satan's Kingdom (vv. 43-47)

## The Truth about Jesus (vv. 48-59)

- Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ the Father (vv. 49-50)
- Jesus came to give \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 51)
- Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ God's Kingdom (v. 56-58)

### **NEXT STEPS:**

This week, take some time to ponder how you might cultivate a trusting heart that treasures Jesus and his word. Identify one specific area in your life that needs attention in respects to persevering in Jesus' word. Pray for God's loving and active supply to meet you in this area.

**NEXT WEEK:** Easter Weekend

# JOHN

## LIFE IN JESUS

## Treasuring the Truth of Jesus

John 8:30-59

Palm Sunday, April 2, 2023

Bret Martin

---

*There is a difference between understanding truth and obeying truth. Today's passage cuts to the core of trusting Jesus and invites us to allow the truth of Jesus to transform our hearts.*

**Big Picture:** God wants us to cultivate a trusting heart that treasures Jesus and his word

## The Truth about Truth (vv. 31-38)

- A trusting heart \_\_\_\_\_ in the truth (v. 31)
- Jesus brings \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 32)
- A trusting heart \_\_\_\_\_ its need (v. 33)
- Jesus liberates \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 36)
- A trusting heart flourishes in a \_\_\_\_\_ life (vv. 37-38)

---

*Growth Groups are the glue that holds our church together, the way we find and follow Jesus together. If you are not involved in a Growth Group, now is the perfect time to jump in at [gracecentralcoast.org/groups](https://gracecentralcoast.org/groups)*

### CONNECT *(ask these questions to check-in with your group)*

Ponder the difference between active engagement and passive participation—perhaps thinking of a classroom setting or a group activity.

### DISCUSS *(use some of these questions to process God's Word together)*

1. Glance at the passage and notes from this week's message (John 8:30-59). What were some of your biggest take-aways? Share with each other what the Holy Spirit is teaching you.
2. In John 8:31 Jesus says, "If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples." What does persevering in Jesus' word look like in your life right now? Share successes (thanking God for his provision) and shortcomings (invitations for increased trust in God's loving activity).

3. Read Psalm 105:16-19. Joseph's trials tested his trust in God's promise — God used Joseph's circumstances to form him. Identify an unresolved area in your life where God is inviting you to trust him. Like Joseph, these are avenues for God's loving formation in your life.
4. Jesus pointed out the inconsistencies between his audience's belief and life practices (John 8:38-39). What areas in your life might be inconsistent with the truth of the gospel? These are areas God wants to transform by the power of his Spirit to Christlike growth & consistency for our good and his glory.
5. What do you think the results of a trusting heart that treasures Jesus and his word might be? Share your thoughts with each other — think individually (in your own life), corporately (within our church family), and missionally (impact on those that don't yet know Jesus).

### PRAY *(use these prompts to pray in response to God's Word)*

- Pray that God would work in our hearts to foster increased trust in Jesus.
- Pray for active engagement with the gospel — abiding in Jesus' word — in all aspects of our lives.
- Pray for this upcoming weekend — Good Friday and Easter Sunday — and prepare your hearts for what God wants to do in and among us.
- Invite people to join us on Easter Sunday—pray for God to call to mind individuals that need the love of Jesus and connection to a church family. Pray for those individuals and your upcoming conversation with them... then invite them to come!