

## ***“For This Purpose I Was Born”***

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### ***John 18:37***

**Jesus said, “...For this purpose I was born and for this purpose I have come into the world – to bear witness to the truth. ...”**

“What is Truth. Truth does not matter to those who, like Pilate, are motivated by expediency. Likewise, truth does not matter to skeptics who have despaired of knowing it.”<sup>1</sup>

Witness: “To see or know by personal presence. ...”<sup>2</sup>

*John 1:17-18 “For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God; the only God, who is at the Father's side, He has made Him known.”*

Truth: (Greek: Aletheia) “truth...the reality lying at the basis of an appearance; ... veritable essence of a matter ...”<sup>3</sup>

Truth: “Conformity to fact or reality; exact accordance with that which is, or has been, or shall be.”<sup>2</sup>

### **Jesus came to bring the truth about all of life!**

❖ Jesus confirmed that the Scriptures are true. *Matthew 5:17-18*

*Psalms 119:160 “The sum of Your Word is truth, and every one of Your righteous rules endures forever.”*

f Creation is a fact!

*Genesis 1:1 “In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.”*

f Man’s separation from God because of sin is a fact!

*Genesis 3:23-24 “therefore the Lord God sent him out from the garden of Eden to work the ground from which he was taken. He drove out the man, and at the east of the garden of Eden he placed the cherubim and a flaming sword that turned every way to guard the way to the tree of life.”*

f Man’s pain and suffering, a result of our rebellion against God is a fact! *Isaiah 59:1-8*

f God’s promise to save us from our hopeless state is a fact! *Isaiah 53:1-6*

*Genesis 3:15 “I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel.”*

❖ Jesus came to seek the lost!

f Zacchaeus *Luke 19:1-10*

❖ Jesus came to save sinners!

f Paul

*1 Timothy 1:15 The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost.*

*John 5:24 “Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever hears my word and believes Him who sent me has eternal life. He does not come into judgment, but has passed from death to life.”*

❖ Jesus came to bring new life!

f Nicodemus *John 3:1-19*

“... Jesus comes into a world that is already condemned because of its rejection of God’s self-revelation. (Rom. 1:18-32).”<sup>1</sup>

❖ Jesus came to give life abundantly!

📖 John 10:7-11, 27

“... 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.’” John 18:37

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“And the angel said to them, ‘Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.’” Luke 2:10-11

#### Endnotes:

<sup>1</sup> Sproul, R.C. *The Reformation Study Bible*. Orlando: Ligonier Ministries, 2005.

<sup>2</sup> Webster, Noah. *American Dictionary of the English Language (1828 Facsimile Edition)*. San Francisco: Foundation for American Christian Education, 1989.

<sup>3</sup> Vine, W.E. *Vine’s Expository Dictionary of Old & New Testament Words*. Nashville: T. Nelson Publishers, 1997.

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