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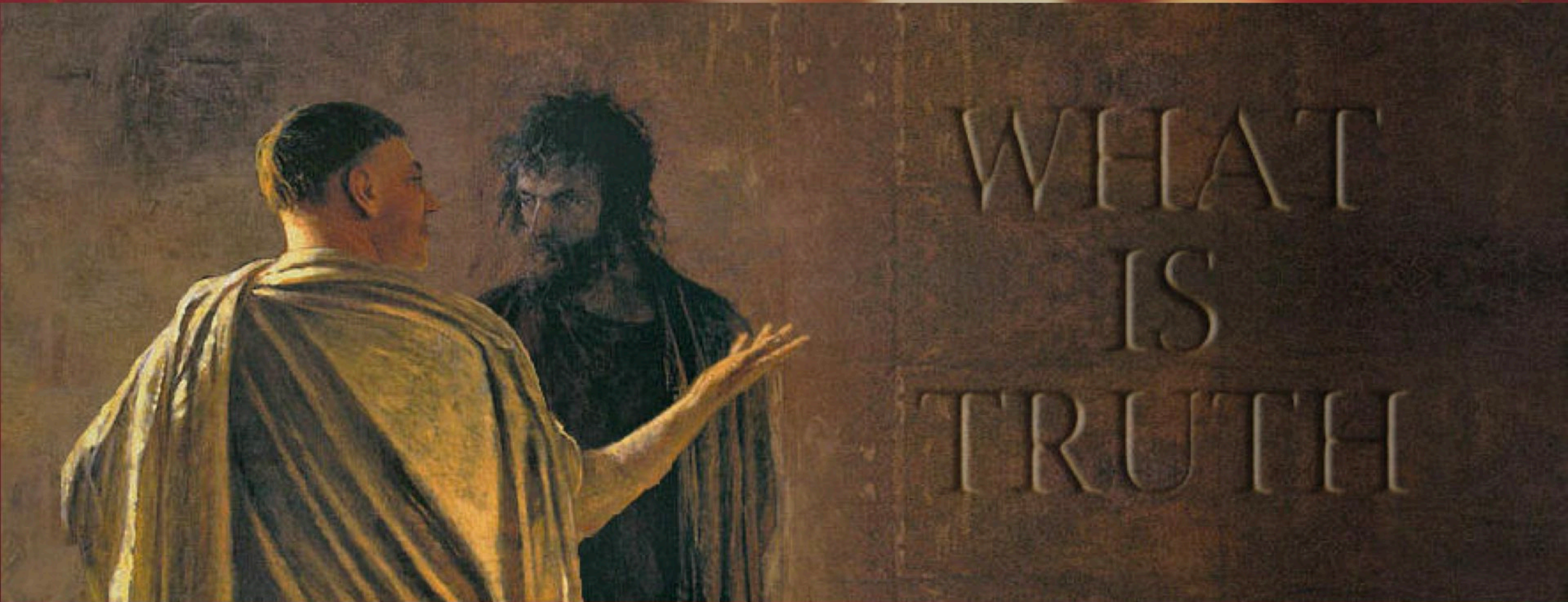
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**John 18:28-40 (Pg. 1085)**

**Then the Jewish leaders took Jesus from Caiaphas to the palace of the Roman governor. By now it was early morning, and to avoid ceremonial uncleanness they did not enter the palace, because they wanted to be able to eat the Passover. So Pilate came out to them and asked, "What charges are you bringing against this man?" "If he were not a criminal," they replied, "we would not have handed him over to you."**

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**Pilate said, "Take him yourselves and judge him by your own law." "But we have no right to execute anyone," they objected. This took place to fulfill what Jesus had said about the kind of death he was going to die. Pilate then went back inside the palace, summoned Jesus and asked him, "Are you the king of the Jews?" "Is that your own idea," Jesus asked, "or did others talk to you about me?"**



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**"Am I a Jew?" Pilate replied. "Your own people and chief priests handed you over to me. What is it you have done?" Jesus said, "My kingdom is not of this world. If it were, my servants would fight to prevent my arrest by the Jewish leaders. But now my kingdom is from another place." "You are a king, then!" said Pilate. Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. In fact, the reason I was born and came into the world is to testify to the truth. Everyone on the side of truth listens to me."**

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**“What is truth?” retorted Pilate. With this he went out again to the Jews gathered there and said, “I find no basis for a charge against him. But it is your custom for me to release to you one prisoner at the time of the Passover. Do you want me to release ‘the king of the Jews’?”**

**They shouted back, “No, not him! Give us Barabbas!”**

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**John 4:24**

**“God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in the Spirit and in truth.”**

**Truth is a way of life**

**3 John 4**

**“I have no greater joy than to hear that my children are walking in the truth.”**

**Truth is a reason to live**

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**“the reason I was born and came into the world is to testify to the truth”**



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**John 7:18**

**Whoever speaks on their own does so to gain personal glory, but he who seeks the glory of the one who sent him is a man of truth; there is nothing false about him.**

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**Westminster Confession Shorter Catechism**

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**A. Man's chief end is to glorify God, and to enjoy him forever.**

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**John 8:31-32**

**To the Jews who had believed him, Jesus said, "If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."**

**Truth is a person**

**John 14:6**

**Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."**

**Truth is a person**

**John 1:14**

**The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.**

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**Exodus 34:4**

**Then the Lord passed by in front of him and proclaimed, "The LORD , the LORD God, compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in lovingkindness and truth  
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