

## Morning Worship

April 30, 2017

Pastor — Allan Lane

Organ --- Alva Lou Schottel

Worship Leader — Tim Waters

Piano — Sharon Waters

**As you enter for worship, please silence your cell phones.**

(CCLI permit # 424692 covers all copyright song lyrics)

Scripture Reading	Psalm 103:1-5	Tim/People
Hymn # 54	<i>Great Is Thy Faithfulness</i>	Tim/People
Worship Prayer		Allan Lane
Welcome and Fellowship		Allan/People
Chorus # 178	<i>He Is Lord</i>	Tim/People
Hymn # 337	<i>I Know Whom I Have Believed</i>	Tim/People
Hymn # 333	<i>Leaning On the Everlasting Arm</i>	Tim/People
Offering Prayer		Fred Kerns
Tithes and Offerings		People
Offering Music		Sharon Waters
Anthem	<i>Worthy Is the Lamb</i>	Worship Choir
Children's Worship		(Children are dismissed)
Scripture Reading		Allan/People
Message	<b><i>The King of Truth</i></b>	Allan Lane
Hymn # 298	<i>I'll Live For Him</i>	Tim/People
Prayer Concerns		Allan/People
Chorus # 533	<i>He Lives</i>	Tim/People

## The King of Truth

John 18:28-38

### Introduction: Major Emphases

In 1933 F. C. Grant sought to detail the issues connected with the development of Gospel writing. In that study he considered the probable motives behind the emergence of the Gospels. Building upon Grant's concern, it seems to me that a number of motives can be suggested for the writing of the Gospels. Before launching into a discussion of these motives, however, it is well to be reminded that John's Gospel, like Luke's (cf. 1:1-4), **does contain a stated purpose for its writing at John 20:30-31:**

Many other signs, indeed, Jesus did in the presence of his disciples which have not been recorded [or written down] in this book; yet these have been recorded in order that you might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that [in the genuine process of] believing you might have life in [the power, of, or by virtue of] his name! (author translation)

When this verse is set in the context of the entire Gospel, it becomes a magnificent door through which the studied reader can gain access to the motives behind the writing of this document, which **Clement of Alexandria well designated as the "Spiritual Gospel."**

In accordance with this purpose statement it becomes immediately clear that the Gospel is **not intended as a mere academic exercise** but that the **reader is expected to provide an appropriate response.** That response is pointedly spelled

out in 20:31, where genuine life is identified for the reader as the goal of human existence. The attaining of that goal, moreover, is proclaimed to be achieved through the process of believing in the reality and nature of who Jesus is, both as the long-anticipated Messiah (Christ) and as the actual human embodiment of the Godhead on earth. It is another way of expressing the twofold nature of Jesus which Paul formulated in a more complex manner at Rom 1:3-4. But as will become evident in the Gospel, believing is not mere intellectual assent but involves committing oneself to this Jesus.

The **general purpose of this Gospel thus has both a missionary or evangelistic side and also an instructional side** (both will be discussed further). The very nature of its recording is for the purpose of communicating a message. But it is not a message of some visionary experience of a seer who has been encapsulated in a spiritual trance and who seeks to enlighten readers as the result of such a mystical encounter. Instead, the **evangelist clearly defines the Gospel as a written record that relates directly to miraculous signs Jesus performed in the actual presence of his disciples**. These disciples had come to understand that the name of Jesus, like that of God, is a symbol of the presence of life-giving power for humanity.

The purpose statement also indicates that not everything that happened while Jesus was on earth has been recorded in this Gospel. **Clearly much more was known**, as John 21:25 indicates, and thus the reader should not be troubled if only a small part of John overlaps with the Synoptic Gospels. What has been included is a determined selection, written with a stated purpose in mind. It probably is best, therefore, **not to refer to the Gospel of John as a "Life of Jesus"** but rather as a **"Testimony about Jesus"** that is aimed at providing the reader with insight into the strategic offer of eternal life in Jesus. With this perspective in mind, further analysis of the motives behind the writing of the Gospel can be conducted.

(Borchert, G. L. (1996). John 1-11 (Vol. 25A, pp. 30-31). Nashville: Broadman & Holman Publishers. The New American Commentary)

By the time John wrote his Gospel, most likely he was aware of others, so he did not repeat much of their material. As the disciple whom Jesus loved, he presents the evidence based on the question asked by Pilate in John 18:38. Jesus is ...

## **1. The Liberating Truth. John 8:32**

And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.

- a. Free from deception of Satan.**
- b. Free from sin .**
- c. Free from bondage of opinion.**

## **2. The Sanctifying Truth. John 17:17, 19**

Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth. As thou hast sent me into the world, even so have I also sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify myself, that they also might be sanctified through the truth.

- a. To set apart .**

Sanctify—to set apart for God's ownership and use. Obedience to the Truth sets God's children apart from the world and places them in total ownership and control of God's Spirit.

- b. To make holy .**

Sanctify—to make Holy. Obedience to the truth brings God's children into a life of holiness.

### **3. The Defending Truth. John 3:21, 8:46**

"Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness;" Ephesians 6:14

The truth of God is part of the Armor that Christian soldiers wear. Truth provides protection from...

- a. False doctrine .**
- b. False accusations .**
- c. Temptations .**

Why is it important to test our beliefs to determine the truth of what we believe? Satan is a deceiver. We must know the truth!

### **4. The Exclusive Truth. John 18:37**

"To this end was I born, and for this cause came I into the world, that I should bear witness unto the truth. Every one that is of the truth heareth my voice."

- a. Christ is the source .**

Christ is the source of all truth.

- b. All other is false .**

Any philosophy or theory that goes against the teaching of God's Word is not founded in the Truth.

### **5. The Eternal Truth. Psalm 100:5**

For the LORD is good; his mercy is everlasting; and his truth endureth to all generations. (Psalms 100:5)

The truth of God is eternal. Truth does not change with the seasons. Truth is not altered by the opinions of man. God's Word is the source of all truth. Each of us will one day stand before God and give account for what we did with the truth. Jesus Christ is the Truth. How will you respond to the truth?

## ***How Will You Respond to the Truth?***

### ***What is Truth?***

A Russian couple was walking down the street in St. Petersburg when the man felt a drop hit his nose. "I think it's raining," he said to his wife.

"No, that felt more like snow to me," she replied.

"Actually, I'm sure it was just rain," he said.

Before a major argument broke out over whether it was raining or snowing, they saw a minor Communist Party official walking toward them. "Let's not fight about it," the man said, "let's ask Comrade Rudolph whether it's officially raining or snowing." As the official approached, the man said, "Tell us Comrade Rudolph, is it officially raining or snowing?"

"It's raining, of course," he answered as he began to walk on.

But the woman insisted: "I know that felt like snow!" To which the man quietly replied: "Rudolph the Red knows rain, dear!"

Before you boo, hear me out. Truth can be like beauty, defined as in the eye of the beholder. Mankind has been in dispute over the meaning of truth since the beginning of time. Ask anybody the question; what is truth? Responses will vary depending on what that person has experienced and their understanding of reality. With such differences of opinion and conviction, individual humanity has been missing the defining meaning of absolute truth, that is, something that should mean the same to every human.

The dictionary gives the definition of truth as; the real facts about something, the things

that are true. Additionally, words such as fidelity and consistency are used, and the state of being, sincerity in action, character and utterance. British dictionaries use fidelity to an original or to a standard.

Without a universal standard, humanity lives in chaos. Look anywhere in history and you will see that without a true standard to live by, individual truths only result in conflict since we want others to live by our standards, rules or belief, so the world will be at peace with us. While there is a desire for harmony in relationships, we can't reach such bliss with conflicting and individual truths. Such is the case with religion. For example, there are so many versions of truth within the Evangelical Church that 41,000 denominations exist in the U.S. alone. Add to this list the differences in other religions around the world, and you find vast confusion about truth of life and how to live in success.

John records in his Gospel that Jesus clearly answered the dilemma over truth. In John 14:6 Jesus alone laid claim to being eternal truth embodied in flesh. Therefore, the true standard is Jesus, and everything else is a lie. It's up to us to decide the truthfulness of life. We have to decide if it is really true that our sins are an offense to God. We have to decide if it is true that God really loves us. We have to decide if it is true that everything we do is going to have consequences for the rest of our lives and into eternity. Choose The Truth. Choose Jesus.

God Bless You!  
*Bro. Allan*

## **Opportunities For Service**

### **Living out Your Spiritual Commitment . . . and Fulfilling Christ's Divine Plan**

#### **Sunday, April 30, 2017**

Choir Rehearsal.....9:00 am  
Sunday School.....9:15 am  
Morning Worship.....10:30 am  
Nursery: Volunteers as needed  
Ushers: ? ? ? ? Ken Nice, Don Sharp, Fred Kerns  
Alternate: Isaac Waters

#### **SJBA Semi-Annual**

Meeting..... 4:00 pm  
Fairport Baptist Church  
Van leaves at 3 pm

No Evening Worship.....

#### **Wednesday, May 3**

Youth Bible Study.....6:30 pm  
Bible Study.....6:30 pm  
Adult Choir.....7:30 pm

#### **Thursday, May 4**

Senior Adult Event  
FBC Savannah.....10:00 am  
G Team.....6:30 pm

#### **Sunday, May 7, 2017**

Choir Rehearsal..... 9:00 am  
Sunday School ..... 9:15 am  
Morning Worship.....10:30 am  
Nursery: Volunteers as needed

Ushers: Larry McKahan, Isaac Waters, Ken Kirkpatrick, Bill Schottel  
Alternate: Ken Nice

Mission Trip Meeting..... 4 pm

Evening Worship..... 6:30 pm

### **Wednesday, May 10**

Youth Study..... 6:30 pm

Prayer / Bible Study ....6:30 pm

Adult Choir ..... 7:30 pm

### **Thursday, May 11**

W Team.....6:30 pm

### **Up-Coming Events.....**

**April 30 — SJBA Semi-Annual Meeting Fairport Baptist Church      4:00 pm**

**May 1 — Food Kitchen 5:30 pm**

**May 4 — Senior Adult Event, FBC Savannah, 10:00 am**

**May 14 — Mother's Day**

**May 22 — Youth Camp Forms are due**

**May 29 — Memorial Day**

### **GROW Team**

Commit to **GROW!** **Everyone make a contact!** Invite someone to Bible Study and Worship this week. ☺

### **Sunday Nights**

Tonight there will be no church due to the Semi-Annual Meeting. Next week we'll continue *Why I Believe* featuring Chip Ingram as he discusses **Life After Death** part 2.

### **Wednesday Night Prayer and Bible Study**

This week we begin a new study. Surprise!! Come for prayer and see just what we are doing next. Hope to see you here at 6:30 pm!

### **Food Kitchen**

*We will serve tomorrow, Monday, May 1, at 5:30 pm. Please feel free to join us as we show the love of Christ and minister to those in need.*

**SJBA Semi-  
Annual Meeting  
April 30, 2017**

4:00 pm  
Fairport Baptist Church, Fairport  
The Van will leave from the church at 3:00 pm

**Mother's Day is Sunday,  
May 14, 2017**

### **Mission Trip 2017**

The next meeting will be  
May 7th, 4 pm at  
Calvary Baptist Church.  
Pass the word along to all  
who might be interested.

### **Youth Camp ...**

forms are due on  
May 22, 2017.  
**Youth Camp is June 19-23.**  
Campers must have completed the 7th—12th grades.

### **Children's Camp ...**

...forms will be out soon.  
**Children's Camp is**  
**July 17-21.**  
Campers must have completed the 4th—6th grades.

**Prayer Warriors**  
**10:00 am**  
**Wednesday, May 10**

### ***For the Record-***

#### **Attendance: April 16, 2017**

Sunday School.....	36
Visitors.....	3
Total.....	39

Contacts Made.....	0
Morning Worship.....	42
Children's Worship.....	16
Wednesday Night .....	13

### **Financial Record:**

Weekly Budget .....	\$ 2,040.52
Offering Received ...	\$ 985.22
Annie Armstrong .....	\$ 1,720.00

### **Offering Received by Mail:**

### **May Counting Team:**

Bill Schottel and John Lewis

### **May Van Driver:**

George Burgess

Remember to call 232-3747  
before 8 am if you need a ride.

### **May Member Birthdays:**

03... Vicki Long  
11... Hannah Schottel  
12... Rev. A. B. Brown  
17... Arlette Duty  
20... Pam Eldredge  
20... Erin Molloy  
20... Mike Green  
26... Isaac Waters

### **May Anniversaries**

Russ and Nancy McCamy  
May 22, 1982

### ***Prayer Requests ...***

Gina Harr—recovery  
Rosella Davis—Flo Conard's sister  
Pat Means—Mary Sharp's Sister  
Stephanie and Jason Terpack  
Mary Sharp's brother-in-law Jim  
Don and Marcia —Don's Health  
Troy Griswold—surgery recovery  
Rev. A. B. Brown  
Tracy Maisel and Tim Ford  
Juanita and Bill Haskins—adjustments  
Tim Izer  
Gary & Peggy Fewins, Byron & Joel  
George Ferbert—strength

Nellie Reynolds  
Larry Danner—cancer treatment  
Cynthia Burdick—cancer recovery  
Jim Winans  
Karissa and Matt Long and family  
Betty Campbell  
Lisa Bowers—Jack and Flo's daughter  
LoLeta Middleton—strength  
Ellen Blanton and Lois Ulmer—  
    Elvera's daughter & daughter-in-law  
Stella Davis and Linda Rails—Doris  
    Richardson's sisters  
Madeline Swink      Ann Riddle  
Kathryn Beavers      Keon McKahan  
Louanne Laurence      Leona Reynolds  
Jozy Winans      Kenny Duty  
Kevin Duty      Buddy Means  
Bill Haskins      Debbie Sands  
Pat Puckett      Judy Anderson  
Brenda Burgess      Roscoe Lane  
Carolyn Houts  
Missionaries Don and Diane Combs  
Nickolay Nazaruk, Peski 2 Church  
David and Deborah Grace  
Jeanette Swackhamer—Beja People  
Our Nation and Leaders  
Our Military Service people  
**Today's Prayer Requests ...**

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### **Our Nation and our Leaders ...**

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### **Five More New Families...**

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