



Big idea: The birth of Christ is a summons to truth.

1.) Truth is **UNPOPULAR**

- The world finds absolute spiritual and moral truths to be offensive.
 - What seems to matter most in our culture is not whether a given statement is **VALID** but how certain people feel about it.
 - The Gospel offends people, because people are held captive by sin.
- If a goal of our lives is never to offend anyone, then we cannot live effectively for Christ.
- v. 38 – Pilate was not interested in what was true; he was only concerned about what would **WORK** best for him in the moment.
 - Sadly, that same perspective toward truth is seen everywhere in culture today as well.

2.) Truth is **PARAMOUNT**

- v. 37 – This is an astonishing testimony to the magnitude of truth, because Jesus reveals here that **TRUTH** is the purpose for which He was born on earth.
- If the eternally begotten Son of God would leave the infinite glories of heaven in order to testify to truth on earth, then truth must be infinitely important.
- If our Lord left the glories of heaven in order to testify to the truth on Earth, how could we fail to do likewise?

- Walking with Christ requires **TALKING** about Christ.
- *Is the purpose for which Christ came to Earth a chief purpose of your life?*

3.) Truth is a **PERSON**

- Christ came to glorify God by giving **FLAWLESS** testimony to the truth, and this is a purpose that He alone is uniquely qualified to accomplish.
- Truth is not so much a proposition as it is a **PERSON** (John 14:6).
 - Anyone who is sincerely interested in the truth ought to be completely invested in Christ.
 - To seek truth is to seek Christ (1 John 2:23, John 17:3).
- The purpose of Christ's coming into the world is to bear witness to the truth of God, in order that people might glorify God as He really is and might thereby inherit eternal life.

4.) Make truth your **PRACTICE**

- To belong to the truth is to listen to Jesus, and to listen to Jesus is to belong to the truth (John 10:27).
- *Are you humbly surrendered to submit to what God has revealed in His Word?*
- **CHRISTMAS** is ultimately about God's desire to get the truth about who He is and how He saves us into the hearts and minds of people.
- Truth matters immensely to God. *How much does it matter to you?*
- Let us live as people of the truth who long to hear the voice of Christ and to practice what He says.