

TRUTH

Truth of Scripture, John 2:6-11

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- Kate Bowler, “I’m a scholar of the “prosperity gospel.” It took cancer to show me I was in its grip”, *Vox*, (Mar 12, 2018)
 - There’s a branch of Christianity that promises a direct path to the good life. It is called by many names, but most often it is nicknamed the “*prosperity gospel*” for its bold central claim that God will give you your heart’s desires: money in the bank, a healthy body, a thriving family, and boundless happiness.
- Someone forgot to tell Paul about this as he struggled with his “thorn in the flesh”, hardships of evangelism

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- Paul was having some issues on his second missionary journey
 - Issues with his team, Barnabas specifically
 - Issues with his travel plans
 - Severely flogged and thrown in prison in Philippi
 - Threatened in Thessalonica by jealous Jews and had to run away at night to the city of Berea

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 - What was Paul proclaiming to the Jews that got him in so much trouble?
 - **Acts 17:2-3 NIV**, 2 As was his custom, Paul went into the synagogue, and on three Sabbath days he reasoned with them from the Scriptures, 3 explaining and proving that the Messiah had to suffer and rise from the dead. “This Jesus I am proclaiming to you is the Messiah.”

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 - **Acts 17:10-12 NIV**, 10 As soon as it was night, the believers sent Paul and Silas away to Berea. On arriving there, they went to the Jewish synagogue. 11 Now the Berean Jews were of more noble character than those in Thessalonica, for they received the message with great eagerness and examined the Scriptures every day to see if what Paul said was true. 12 As a result, many of them believed, as did also a number of prominent Greek women and many Greek men.
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- Paul was having some issues on his second missionary journey
 - What was the defining factor in the Berean's accepting Paul's teaching?
 - Does what Paul is teaching match up with what God has already revealed in His Scriptures, the Old Testament
 - The Bereans were more noble because they believed God's Word was true even after thousands of years
 - They did not question if the event of Abraham was real and could speak to them today

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- Is the Bible true, Is it without error or human manipulation, Is it really God's Word for today?
 - Is it inerrant – without error
 - “Inerrancy means that when all facts are known, the Scriptures in their original autographs and properly interpreted will be shown to be wholly true in everything that they affirm, whether that has to do with doctrine or morality or with the social, physical, or life sciences” (*Paul Feinberg*).

Scripture

- **John 2:6-11 NIV**, 6 Nearby stood six stone water jars, the kind used by the Jews for ceremonial washing, each holding from twenty to thirty gallons. 7 Jesus said to the servants, “Fill the jars with water”; so they filled them to the brim. 8 Then he told them, “Now draw some out and take it to the master of the banquet.” They did so, 9 and the master of the banquet tasted the water that had been turned into wine. He did not realize where it had come from, though the servants who had drawn the water knew. Then he called the bridegroom aside 10 and said, “Everyone brings out the choice wine first and then the cheaper wine after the guests have had too much to drink; but you have saved the best till now.” 11 What Jesus did here in Cana of Galilee was the first of the signs through which he revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

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- Three main scriptural questions you must personally answer when it comes to Scripture
 - Did God really say, or Did this event really happen as described in Scripture?
 - Does God really mean what the Scriptural text is saying?
 - Will God really do what He said in Scripture?

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- **Genesis 3:1-5 NIV**, Now the serpent was more crafty than any other beast of the field that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, “Did God actually say, ‘You shall not eat of any tree in the garden’?” 2 And the woman said to the serpent, “We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, 3 but God said, ‘You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the midst of the garden, neither shall you touch it, lest you die.’” 4 But the serpent said to the woman, “You will not surely die. 5 For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.”

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- **Genesis 3:24 NIV**, 24 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.
- Using our Scripture this morning in John, you must come to a decision on the question, “Did this really happen”, Did Jesus really turn the water into wine?
 - And whatever position you take, “*What does it mean?*”

Did Jesus really turn the water into wine?

- Please notice the phrase, “water that had been turned into wine”
 - Jesus didn't simply replace the water with wine
 - Dr. Cliff Lewis, “At a molecular level, the water, basically hydrogen and oxygen, was changed into wine that contains sugars, yeast, and water, which contain carbon and nitrogen along with oxygen and hydrogen. Thus, by changing water into wine Jesus demonstrated his authority over even the atomic structure of atoms by commanding oxygen and hydrogen atoms to disassemble and reform into other atoms of different configurations.”

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 - Dr. Cliff Lewis, “The amount of energy it would take to perform this atomic deconstruction and reconstruction is staggering. This intermolecular energy being released is the source of the explosive energy from an atomic bomb. However, since Jesus caused the wine atoms to come back together, he would have to put this astronomical amount of energy into the atoms in order to have them reconstruct.”

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- Did Jesus really turn the water into wine?
 - Did God really create the heavens and earth?
 - Did God really flood the earth while saving Noah and his family?
 - Did the Israelites cross the Jordan River in flood season on dry ground?
 - Did Jericho's walls really fall down after the trumpet blast?
 - Was Jesus really the Son of God and Son of Man?
 - Did He really die for my sins and then resurrecting from the grave?
 - Is He really coming back?
 - Is there really a heaven and hell?

Did Jesus really turn the water into wine?

- All these teachings and events you may be ignoring because there is no way man can duplicate them, but it is imperative that you answer them personally
 - Well, I don't understand how God did all these
 - It doesn't square with what scientifically we understand or are being told today
 - It is never about understanding everything or having all your questions answered but we are instructed to live by faith in the Word of God (*2nd Cor. 5:7*)
 - So, my question remains this morning, "Did Jesus really turn the water into wine?"

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- Something probably happened but the stories have been exaggerated over time
- They are just fables to teach a moral story
- God allows you the ability to come to this decision but there will be a cost
- So, what does this mean if this is what I believe?

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- If the Bible is not 100% accurate historically, prophetically, truthfully then how can you really believe any of it is true?
- This is the problem we are having trusting our political leaders
- The Scripture that defines God's mercy, grace, and forgiveness is the same Scripture that tells us Jesus turned the water into wine
- It's the same Scripture that tells us about an eternity in heaven or hell
- It's the same Scripture that tells us that all have sinned against God, every single part of the whole
- That no one is righteous before God, no not even one

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- It's the same Scripture that tells us we must repent of our sinful ways, turn humbly toward God, believing that Jesus rose from the grave to be forgiven and saved from eternal death and separation
- There is no real security in this life especially when you come to your last breath
- There is no real peace when your world crumbles
- This is the cost of unbelief, **NO HOPE**

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- So, what does this mean if this is what I believe?
 - **Matthew 28:18 NIV**, Then Jesus came to them and said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.” – Proven
 - **Isaiah 40:13 NIV**, “Who can fathom the Spirit (*mind*) of the Lord, or instruct the Lord as his counselor?”
 - I don't have to know the how, I know the who
 - The life and miracles of Jesus are true historical events

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- So, what does this mean if this is what I believe?
 - The resurrection of Jesus is a true historical event
 - When Scripture says *“all who call upon the name of the Lord will be saved”* – They will be eternally saved

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- So, what does this mean if this is what I believe?
 - **John 14:1-3 NIV**, 1 “Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me. 2 My Father’s house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? 3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am.”

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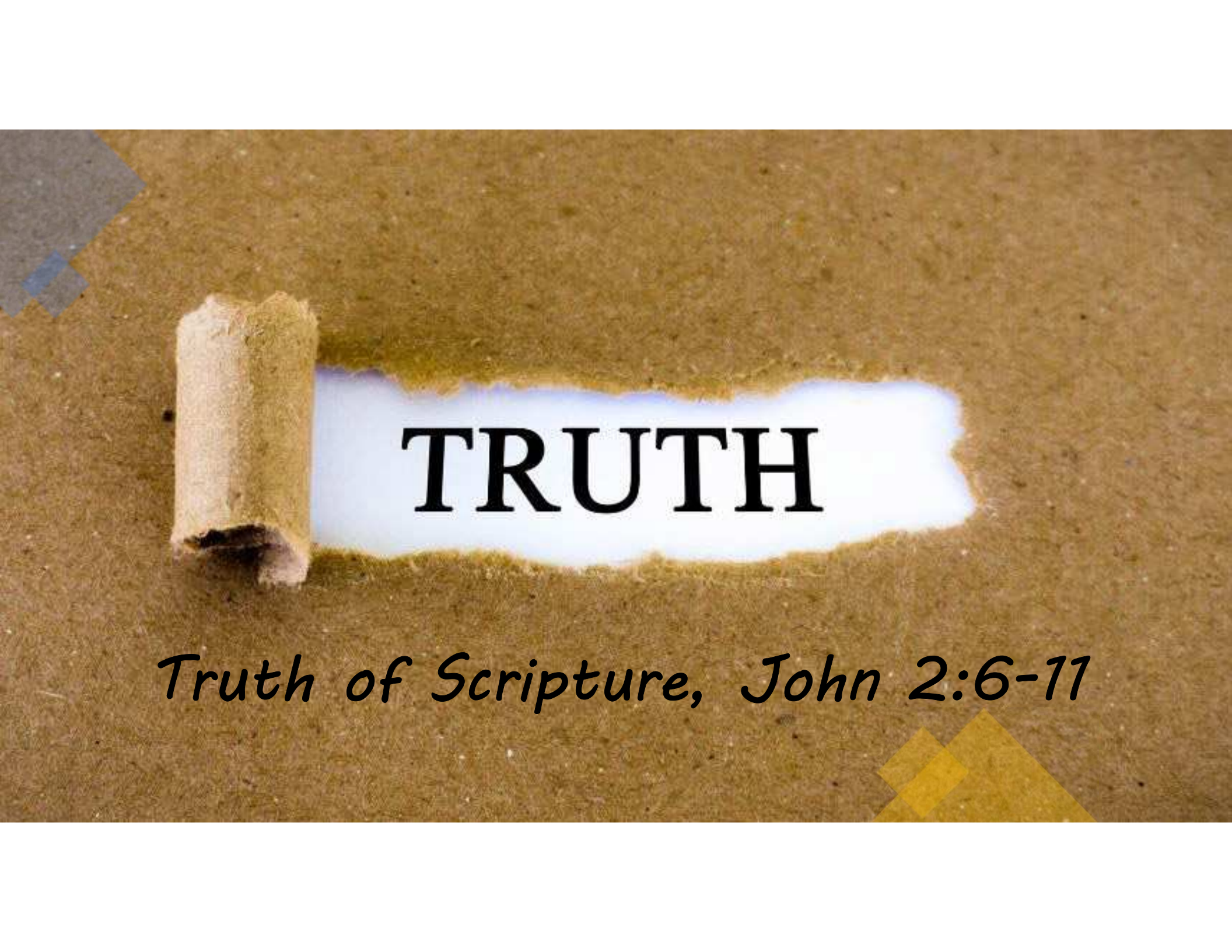
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 - **John 6:39-40 NIV**, “39 And this is the will of him who sent me, that I shall lose none of all those he has given me, but raise them up at the last day. 40 For my Father’s will is that everyone who looks to the Son and believes in him shall have eternal life, and I will raise them up at the last day.”

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 - **Matthew 5:17-18 NIV**, 17 “Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. 18 For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth disappear, not the smallest letter, not the least stroke of a pen, will by any means disappear from the Law until everything is accomplished.”
- There was a cost for unbelief and there is a cost for faith
 - The cost is your pride, allegiance, the throne of your heart

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- Billy Graham and Charles Templeton
- It really does matter what you believe as truth



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