

Jesus

The Way, The Truth, The Life

- King of Kings
- Lord of Lords
- Emmanuel – God with Us
- Wonderful Counselor
- Mighty God
- Everlasting Father
- Prince of Peace
- Servant
- Bread of Life
- Light of the World
- Wisdom of God
- Power of God
- Bridegroom
- Shepherd
- The Way, the Truth, the Life
- Love
- The Word
- The Firstborn
- Creator of Heaven and Earth
- Only Begotten Son
- Our High Priest
- Judge
- Redeemer
- Mighty Warrior

Who is Jesus
Really?

1 Corinthians 1:22-24, 28-30

22For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom,
23but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to
Jews and folly to Gentiles, 24but to those who are called,
both Jews and Greeks, **Christ the power of God** and
the **wisdom of God**.

28God chose what is low and despised in the world,
even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that
are, 29so that no human being might boast in the
presence of God. 30And because of him you are in
**Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God,
righteousness and sanctification and redemption . . .**

Christ the Wisdom and Power of God

- “Wisdom of God” is that Jesus’ death on the cross served as the sacrifice for all of the sins of mankind
- The “Power of God” Gives us:
 - Righteousness – Holiness/Perfection that allows us in the presence of God
 - Sanctification – The process of making us more like Christ
 - Redemption – We are freed from slavery to Sin and Death, we are redeemed. We are slaves set free in His redemption.

John 14:6

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

I am the Way = Jesus Redeems Us

I am the Truth = Jesus Gives us His Righteousness

I am the Life = Jesus Sanctifies Believers

John 14:1-6

1"Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. 2In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? 3And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also. 4And **you know the way** to where I am going." 5Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. **How can we know the way?"** 6Jesus said to him, "**I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.**"

Psalm 86:11

11 Teach me your way, O LORD, that I may walk in your truth; unite my heart to fear your name.

Isaiah 30:9-11

9For they are a rebellious people, lying children, children unwilling to hear the instruction of the LORD; 10who say to the seers, “Do not see,” and to the prophets, “Do not prophesy to us what is right; speak to us smooth things, prophesy illusions, 11**leave the way**, turn aside from the path, **let us hear no more about the Holy One of Israel.**”

John 18:36-38

36 Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not of this world. If my kingdom were of this world, my servants would have been fighting, that I might not be delivered over to the Jews. But my kingdom is not from the world." 37 Then Pilate said to him, "So you are a king?" 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." 38 Pilate said to him, "**What is truth?**"

“Biblical Worldview” defined as holding all of the following beliefs:

1. That absolute moral truth exists
2. The Bible is totally accurate in all of the principles it teaches
3. Satan is a real being or force, not merely symbolic
4. A person cannot earn their way into Heaven by trying to be good or doing good works
5. Jesus Christ lived a sinless life on earth
6. God is the all-knowing, all-powerful creator of the world who still rules the universe today.

Born again Christians were identified by those who

1. Claimed to have made a personal to commitment to Jesus Christ that is important in their life today and
2. Indicated that they were certain that they would go to Heaven after they die only because they confessed their sins and accepted Christ as their savior

- One-third of all adults (34%) believe that moral truth is absolute and unaffected by the circumstances. Slightly less than half of the born again adults (46%) believe in absolute moral truth.
- Half of all adults (50%) firmly believe that the Bible is accurate in all the principles it teaches. That proportion includes the four-fifths of born again adults (79%) who concur.
- Just one-quarter of adults (27%) are convinced that Satan is a real force. Even a minority of born again adults (40%) adopt that perspective.
- Similarly, only one-quarter of adults (28%) believe that it is impossible for someone to earn their way into Heaven through good behavior. Not quite half of all born again Christians (47%) strongly reject the notion of earning salvation through their deeds.
- A minority of American adults (40%) are persuaded that Jesus Christ lived a sinless life while He was on earth. Slightly less than two-thirds of the born again segment (62%) strongly believes that He was sinless.
- Seven out of ten adults (70%) say that God is the all-powerful, all-knowing creator of the universe who still rules it today. That includes the 93% of born again adults who hold that conviction.

Psalm 119:160

The sum of your word is truth, and every one of your righteous rules endures forever.

<u>Lie – World</u>	<u>Jesus – Truth</u>
The Bible is a good book, full of good stories, but it is unreliable and not sufficient for real wisdom	The sum of God's word is Truth

John 8:31-38

³¹So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, ³²and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."

³³They answered him, "We are offspring of Abraham and have never been enslaved to anyone. How is it that you say, 'You will become free'?"

³⁴Jesus answered them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. ³⁵The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son remains forever. ³⁶So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed. ³⁷I know that you are offspring of Abraham; yet you seek to kill me because my word finds no place in you. ³⁸I speak of what I have seen with my Father, and you do what you have heard from your father."

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<u>Lie – World</u>	<u>Jesus – Truth</u>
We are all children of God	We are children of God only if we abide in Christ, we will know the truth and be set free. Without Jesus we are slaves to Sin, Death, and Satan

Galatians 5: 1-7, 11, 13

¹For freedom Christ has set us free; stand firm therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery. ²Look: I, Paul, say to you that if you accept circumcision, Christ will be of no advantage to you. ³I testify again to every man who accepts circumcision that he is obligated to keep the whole law. ⁴You are severed from Christ, you who would be justified by the law; you have fallen away from grace. ⁵For through the Spirit, by faith, we ourselves eagerly wait for the hope of righteousness. ⁶For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision counts for anything, but only faith working through love. ⁷**You were running well. Who hindered you from obeying the truth? . . .** ¹¹But if I, brothers, still preach circumcision, why am I still being persecuted? In that case the offense of the cross has been removed. . . . ¹³For you were called to freedom, brothers. Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another.

Galatians 5: 1-7, 11, 13

<u>Lie – World</u>	<u>Jesus – Truth</u>
<p>We are generally good people and if we work hard enough God will recognize our efforts. Since he is a loving God he won't allow any real harm so therefore heaven must be universal.</p>	<p><i>⁴You are severed from Christ, you who would be justified by the law; you have fallen away from grace.</i></p>

John 17:15-19

¹⁵I do not ask that you take them out of the world, but that you keep them from the evil one. ¹⁶ They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. ¹⁷ **Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth.** ¹⁸As you sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. ¹⁹And for their sake I consecrate myself, that they also may be sanctified in truth.

<u>Lie – World</u>	<u>Jesus – Truth</u>
There is no absolute truth, we must all find our own way, our own truth ¹⁷	¹⁷ <i>Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth</i>

Ephesians 4:11-16

¹¹And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, ¹²to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, ¹³until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ, ¹⁴so that we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every **wind of doctrine**, by **human cunning**, by **craftiness** in deceitful schemes. ¹⁵Rather, **speaking the truth in love**, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, ¹⁶from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love.

False Doctrines	Health and Wealth Gospel or Name it and claim it Gospel
	The Emerging Church Movement
Human Cunning	Works based teaching
	Ecumenical movement
Craftiness in deceitful schemes	Signs and Wonders – looking for cash

"I want to help people understand everything they can about the cross. ... I wouldn't say that having that understanding (Jesus dying as a substitute for sinful humanity) is all that it means to be a Christian. I think that some people might have that understanding and not be interested in following Jesus. They want Jesus' blood to pay for their sins so they can go to heaven, but they aren't really interested in following Jesus in this life."

Brian McLaren
founding pastor Cedar Ridge Community Church
Emerging Church Leader

Found themselves increasingly uncomfortable with church. “Life in the church had become so small,” Kristen says. “It had worked for me for a long time. Then it stopped working.” The Bells started questioning their assumptions about the Bible itself—“discovering the Bible as a human product,” as Rob puts it, rather than the product of divine fiat. “The Bible is still the center for us,” Rob says, “but it’s a different kind of center. We want to embrace mystery, rather than conquer it.” “I grew up thinking that we’ve figured out the Bible,” Kristen says, “that we knew what it means. Now I have no idea what most of it means. And yet I feel like life is big again – like life used to be black and white, and now it’s in color.”

Rob and Kristen Bell

Founders of a large and growing Emerging community in Michigan

As quoted in Christianity Today

John MacArthur “Apostasy poses real and present dangers today as always. Actually, the threat may be more imminent and more dangerous than ever, because most Christians nowadays simply don’t care about the prevalence of false doctrine, nor do they take seriously their duty to fight against apostasy. Instead, they want a friendly atmosphere of open acceptance for everyone, tolerance of opposing ideas, and charitable dialogue with the apostates.”

John MacArthur
Quoted from *The Truth War*

Colossians 3:1-5

¹If then you have been **raised with Christ**, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ²Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. ³For you have died, and **your life is hidden with Christ in God**. ⁴When **Christ who is your life** appears, then you also will appear with him in glory. ⁵Put to death therefore what is earthly in you

. . . .

Colossians 2:8-15

⁸See to it that no one takes you captive by philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the world, and not according to Christ. ⁹For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, ¹⁰and you have been filled in him, who is the head of all rule and authority. ¹¹In him also you were circumcised with a circumcision made without hands, by putting off the body of the flesh, by the circumcision of Christ, ¹²having been buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the powerful working of God, who raised him from the dead. ¹³And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, ¹⁴by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross. ¹⁵He disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them in him.

1 Corinthians 15:20-22

²⁰But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. ²¹For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. ²²For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive.

1 Corinthians 2:1-5

¹And I, when I came to you, brothers, did not come proclaiming to you the testimony of God with lofty speech or wisdom. ²For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. ³And I was with you in weakness and in fear and much trembling, ⁴and my speech and my message were not in plausible words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, ⁵that your faith might not rest in the wisdom of men but in the power of God.

