

Jesus as Prophet

Sermon Discussion Questions

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1. This week Pastor Tom started his message by commenting on the way we look at truth. He talked about the movement in thinking from being a culture of “moral relativism” to one of “moral pluralism.” What did he mean by that?
2. It seems these days that everyone has a version of what they believe to be true. The problem is that all our “truths” don’t always line up. He used an example on people’s view of homosexuality, but what other examples might there be within society or even the church of differing truths?
3. If it was up to each of us to come up with what is true in regards to immigration, marriage, abortion and so on, we’d be in trouble. But, as Pastor Tom points out there is another way. He introduced the word “logos” in his message, what did the word mean or refer to? How does it relate to the subject of truth?
4. We saw how in John 1:1-5 and 14 the author uses that word “logos” meaning “reason or order of nature, truth” in relation to Jesus. At the end of John’s gospel he tells us that he wrote this book so we would know Jesus and have life. How is Jesus the example of reason? How do we find “truth” in knowing him?
5. Pastor Tom stated that in Jesus we see “the one true transcendent moral foundation.” He then showed us a practical example of what that meant from John’s gospel. Re-read verses 1:43-51 and try to recall the three things Pastor Tom highlighted from them.
6. In Jesus we have not just a prophet, but **The** Prophet - He is truth. He fulfilled the prophecies of the Old Testament and taught truth that we live by today, even if we’re not believers (remember the example of loving your enemies being Jesus’ teaching). His teachings revolutionized the world and we’re still seeing the effects. As Pastor Tom said, when a prophet speaks we have two choices: listen and accept or disregard and reject. Where are you on that spectrum? How easy or difficult has this decision been in your life?

In closing, spend sometime praying for those in your life that might still be living “in their own truth.” Pray that God would present you with opportunities to lovingly and patiently live out the gospel before them, to share the story of Jesus and that the Spirit would move in their hearts.