

NOBODY LIKE JESUS #2 slides

Jesus is the only Truth.

one source says, "This can lead to a situation where different people have conflicting understandings of what is real or factual, which can be a source of conflict and misunderstanding.

Isaiah 59:14-15 "Justice is turned back, and righteousness stands far away; *for truth* has stumbled in the public squares, and uprightness cannot enter. *Truth* is lacking, and he who departs from evil makes himself a prey. The LORD saw it, and it displeased him that there was no justice."

Isaiah 5:20-21 "Woe to those who call evil good and good evil, who put darkness for light and light for darkness, who put bitter for sweet and sweet for bitter! Woe to those who are wise in their own eyes, and shrewd in their own sight!"

Jesus is the definition of truth.

John 18:37b-38 "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.*" Pilate said to him, "*What is truth?*" That's our culture, "What is truth?"

Psalms 86:11 "Teach me *your way*, O LORD, that I may walk in *your truth*; unite my heart to fear your name."

Isaiah 65:16 ...he who blesses himself in the land shall bless himself by *the God of truth*, and he who takes an oath in the land shall swear by *the God of truth*..."

Isaiah 46:4, 8-10 "...even to your old age I am he, and to gray hairs I will carry you. I have made, and I will bear; I will carry and will save... "Remember this and stand firm, recall it to mind, you transgressors, remember the former things of old; for I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is none like me, declaring the end from the beginning and from ancient times things not yet done, saying, 'My counsel shall stand, and I will accomplish all my purpose..."

Psalms 115:2-8 "Why should the nations say, "Where is their God?" Our God is in the heavens; he does all that he pleases. Their idols are silver and gold, the work of human

hands. They have mouths, but do not speak; eyes, but do not see. They have ears, but do not hear; noses, but do not smell.

They have hands, but do not feel; feet, but do not walk; and they do not make a sound in their throat. Those who make them become like them; so do all who trust in them.”

Luke 12:15 “And he said to them, ““Take care, and be on your guard against all covetousness, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions.”

1 Timothy 6:17-19 “As for the rich in this present age, charge them not to be haughty, nor to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but on God, who richly provides us with everything to enjoy. They are to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and ready to share, thus storing up treasure for themselves as a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of that which is truly life.”

Theologian NT Wright in his new book, “Spiritual and Religious” brings a startling insight from **Ps 115:8** “Those who make them become like them; so do all who trust in them.” “The devastating conclusion is, idolatry breeds dehumanization...Idolatry means self destruction because you become like what you worship. We humans were made in the image of the Creator. If we worship the God revealed in Jesus Christ, we will begin to resemble Him...But if we worship something else, something in whose image humans are not made, it will start to show. It will most like show on your face sooner or later. It will certainly show in the way you treat yourself, and in the way you treat other human beings...You are choosing decay and death. That is what idolatry produces: the state of being ex-human, a creature that was made to share the glory of the Creator but has consistently chosen to worship something else and share it illusory and transient splendor. That is perhaps, the meaning of hell. Some humans, fairly obviously, arrive there sooner than others.”

Colossians 2:1-4 “For I want you to know how great a struggle I have for you and for those at Laodicea and for all who have not seen me face to face, that their hearts may be encouraged, being knit together in love, to reach all the riches of full assurance of understanding and the knowledge of God's mystery, which is Christ, in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. I say this in order that no one may delude you with plausible (sounding) arguments.”

Colossians 1:21; 2:23a “And you, who once were *alienated and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds*...And you, who were *dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh*...”

As the Truth, Christ's second office is that of the Prophet.