

What is Truth?

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We commonly think of "Truth" as fact, reality, genuineness, but the Bible gives us some more characteristics to look at to determine if something is TRUTH.

*O Lord God of hosts, who is a **strong** Lord like unto thee? or to thy **faithfulness** round about thee? **Justice** and **judgement** are the habitation of thy throne: **mercy** and **truth** shall go before thy face."* Psalms 89

What did you find? _____

"Mercy" is often used with "Truth" in the Bible. It means compassion, grace, humanity. In Moses' time, property could only be inherited by the boys in the family. That would be the "truth" part. Zelophehad had been a good man but he only had 5 daughters. So they asked Moses if they could inherit. God told Moses to say "yes." That would be the "mercy" part.



*“Behold, the days come saith the Lord, that I will raise unto David a **righteous Branch**, and a King shall reign and prosper, and shall execute **judgement and justice in the earth.**”* Jeremiah 23

*“**grace and truth** came by Jesus Christ”*
John 1

What qualities are added to “Truth” in these passages?

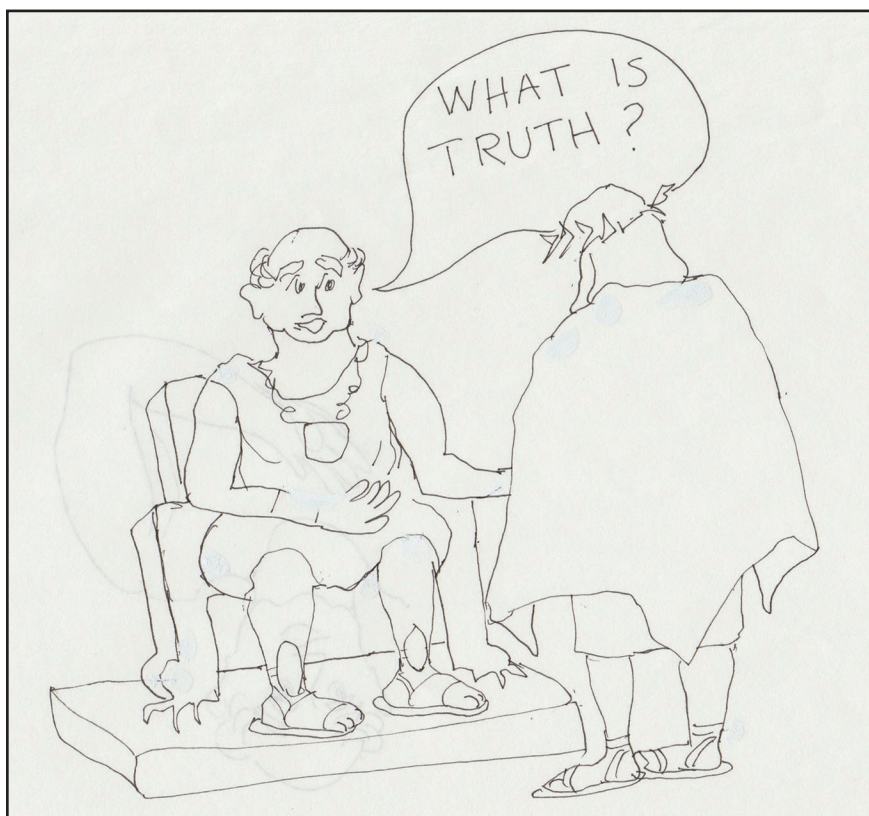
Who shows the perfect blend of these qualities? _____

An example of the way Christ Jesus tied “mercy” and “truth” together is found in this healing.

A woman had been bent over for 18 years. Jesus met her on the Sabbath day. The commandments say to keep the Sabbath day holy (truth). Some of the people thought that meant no work on the Sabbath day. Jesus knew that healing was just seeing more of the “truth” of God’s creation. Jesus added “mercy” (compassion, grace) to this “truth” and healed her.



When Jesus was taken to trial by the chief priests. They wanted to put him to death but the commandments said that they couldn't kill. They wanted Pilate, the Roman governor, to do it. Pilate didn't think that Jesus had done anything wrong. But they kept at him to put Jesus to death.



Pilate asked him if he were a king. Jesus answered that his kingdom was not of this world. So Pilate asked again, "Are you a king?" Jesus answered that Pilate was the one who had called him a king and then he said, *"...for this cause came I into the world, that I should bear witness unto the truth. Everyone that is of the truth heareth my voice,"* Pilate saith unto him, *What is truth?"* John 18

and they crucified him.

Where was the mercy (compassion, grace, humanity)? It was the reason Jesus went through the experience of the crucifixion. He loved us enough to give us the example. *"Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven."* Matthew 5 6