

## **Message on John 8:14-59 TRUTH**

• John 8:31-34 *"You are truly my disciples if you keep on obeying my teachings. And you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free... I assure you that everyone who sins is a slave of sin.*

*A slave is not a permanent member of the family, but a son is part of the family forever. So if the son sets you free, you will indeed be free."*

• **A disciple of Jesus obeys and lives truth like Jesus and ends up having a free life.** Truth brings us into the world of Jesus who sets us free to live a happy, good & useful life. Lies bring us into the world of the devil, who uses sin to make slaves of us.

• A **Disciple** is one who is taught. He learns from his teacher how to live his life.

• The **Teacher** of Christians is Jesus: Son, Creator & Wisdom in a human life. Lord of all.

• His teaching is the **truth**. Truth is that which *"corresponds to fact or reality."* (Dictionary)

• Truth lived results in success because it is what works. It creates a life of **freedom**.

• **Lies** - the opposite of truth. When lies are practiced, the result is failure and loss. *"A lie is to say something that is not true in a conscious effort to deceive somebody."* (Dictionary)

• **Sin** is that which *"steals, kills, and destroys."* Underneath a sin is always a lie.

• **The Devil**, the god of this world, inspires lies because he is a murderer- a destroyer. Those who followed the Devil called Jesus a *"Samaritan devil...possessed by the devil."* V48

### TWO THINGS - TO LIVE TRUTH

**-1- No little lies for us.** We reap what we sow-what we say and do. Most people don't do bold faced lies but indulge in fibs.

• *Matthew 6:37 "Let your yes be yes and your no be no. Your word is enough."*

--Little white lies = excuses.

--To promise and not do = to lie to ourselves.

--Distortions = *"Well, what I meant to say."*

--Gossip = speaking evil of other people.

--Dissembling = many words, meaning nothing.

--Exaggerations

**-2- Defend Jesus.** He is not a *Samaritan devil or possessed by the devil*. He is *"the"* TRUTH come in a human life. He is Creator of the Universe - of the laws of science -- who *"sustains the universe with his word of power."*

Hebrews 1:3 We acknowledge him openly.

