



**Date:** 3/10/2024

**Title:** What Is the Truth?

**Scripture:** *John 18.28-40*

## **Introduction to Analog**

The word, Analog, means “something that is similar or comparable to something else.” Analog is designed to be a tangible way to take another deeper, look into each week’s Sunday morning message. Individuals, friends, small groups, and families can use Analog for further discussion and exploration of the Sunday teaching. May this tool help you explore the expansive heart of God and practice love in the ways of Jesus.

## **Teaching Season**

From His arrest to His ultimate suffering on the cross, the gospel writers outline the painful events Jesus endured. A sham trial, the denial of a friend, standing before a Roman governor, beaten by soldiers, and being paraded through the streets on the way to death. We will explore these events and consider why the gospel writers narrated them in such startling detail.

## **Teaching**

John details a conversation between Pilate and Jesus amidst the swirling accusations against Jesus. To get away from the crowd Pilate summons Jesus inside the palace and asks him questions in a seeming attempt to understand what is going on. Jesus makes it plain, he has come to “testify to the truth.” To which Pilate responds, “What is truth?”

His question has lingered on the lips of humanity since. Today we talk about “your truth” and “my truth.” Truth, it seems, has become whatever one believes it to be – which puts individuals at the center. But maybe there is a truth that’s bigger than all of us. That which cannot be argued against or wished away because it is the ultimate reality. And what is that reality? That’s the question we will wrestle with.

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**Opening Question for the Group: Start your group discussion with the question below.**

1. What is something you are looking forward to in this season?

Questions for Discussion or Reflection

Here are some questions for discussion or reflection. Don't feel like you have to cover them all, and you may have questions of your own to ask. The Spiritual Practice for this week could be very meaningful for you or your group, so plan on 10 minutes or so for this exercise. If you are using this in a group context, read through these questions and the Spiritual Practice before your group meets to familiarize yourself with this material. You may want to send this out to the group before you meet.

1. In what ways have you asked, *What is truth?*
2. What are some of the difficulties of knowing the truth?
3. What are some ways we've missed the truth?
4. What might be a helpful step in living the truth?

Spiritual Practice:

This week for our formation practice, we invite you to listen to our guided time of prayer and reflection. You can listen to this guided prayer by clicking on the link below. You can also access the spiritual formation podcast through the DCC App.

[Spiritual Formation Podcast: Lent week 4](#)