

## THE COST OF TRUTH OUTLINE

**Text (NLT):** John 14:6 • John 18:33–19 • John 8:31–32

**Anchor Line:** *“He recognized the truth... but he obeyed his fear.”*

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#### KEY VERSE

##### **John 14:6 (NLT)**

“Jesus told him, ‘I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one can come to the Father except through me.’”

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#### BIG IDEA

Jesus doesn’t just **tell** the truth—Jesus **is** the Truth.  
And when Truth stands in front of you, you have to choose, **truth or fear**.

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#### MAIN OUTLINE

##### **1) JESUS BEFORE PILATE — TRUTH UNDER PRESSURE (John 18:33–19)**

- Jesus stands before Pilate
  - Pilate is surrounded by pressure: leaders, crowd, Rome
  - Jesus is calm, clear, steady
  - The issue isn’t confusion... it’s cost
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##### **2) “WHAT IS TRUTH?” (John 18:38)**

- Pilate asks, “What is truth?”
  - Truth isn’t just information—truth is a Person
  - When truth becomes a Person, it becomes a decision
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## POINT #1

**You can recognize the truth... and still refuse to follow it.**

- **Recognition is not surrender**
  - You can be **close to truth** and still not be **changed by it**
  - The real battle isn't clarity — it's **courage**
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## POINT #2

**Truth always comes with a cost... and pressure reveals what you actually obey.**

- Fear negotiates obedience
  - Fear does the math
  - Fear sounds reasonable, but leads to bondage
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## POINT #3

**Jesus doesn't just speak truth... Jesus is the Truth... and the Truth will set you free.  
(John 8:31–32)**

“You will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.”

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## RESPONSE

You don't walk away from truth unchanged.  
You either let **truth** lead... or you let **fear** lead.

**Anchor Line (repeat):**

*“He recognized the truth... but he obeyed his fear.”*