

CHRISTMAS



Good News of
Great Joy



GOSPEL *of* JOHN

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Psalm 10:16-18

16 The Lord is king for ever and ever; the nations perish from his land. 17 O Lord, you hear the desire of the afflicted; you will strengthen their heart; you will incline your ear 18 to do justice to the fatherless and the oppressed, so that man who is of the earth may strike terror no more.

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Psalm 95:3-7

3 For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods. 4 In his hand are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are his also. 5 The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands formed the dry land. 6 Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker! 7 For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand. Today, if you hear his voice,

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Psalm 145:1,10-13

I will extol you, my God and King, and bless your name for ever and ever.... 10 All your works shall give thanks to you, O Lord, and all your saints shall bless you! 11 They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom and tell of your power, 12 to make known to the children of man your mighty deeds, and the glorious splendour of your kingdom. 13 Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and your dominion endures throughout all generations. [The Lord is faithful in all his words and kind in all his works.]

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John 1:14, 17

And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth... For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.

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John 4:23-24


23 But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship him. 24 God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.”

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Andreas j. Köstenberger: “The term “truth” had currency in Greek philosophy, Roman thought, and the Hebrew Bible. In Greek philosophy, one of the senses of *aletheia* involved an accurate perspective on reality. Romans similarly spoke of *veritas* as a factual representation of events. In the Hebrew Scriptures, “truth” (*emeth, emunah*) primarily conveyed the notion of God’s faithfulness. This faithfulness had been revealed throughout the history of Israel and, according to John, found supreme expression in the life, ministry, and substitutionary death of Jesus (1:14; 14:6).

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In John's Gospel, where the importance of "truth" is underscored by 48 instances of the aleth-word group in comparison with a combined total of 10 in the Synoptics, the notion of truth is inextricably related to God, and to Jesus' relationship with God.... [Truth] Rather than merely connoting correspondence with reality, as in Greek philosophy, or factual accuracy, as in Roman thought, truth, for John, while also being propositional, is at the heart a personal, relational concept that has its roots and origin in none other than God himself....

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Jesus, then, is the truth, because he is sent from God and has come to reveal the Father and to carry out his salvation historical purposes.”



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