



February 25, 2024

Jesus Saves!?

From the Tyranny of Ignorance

John 18:33-38, 10:1-18, 8:31-36

Jesus Saves Us By Revealing Truth

My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge: Hosea 4:1-6

Survival in the woods: wild chives, common camas, mountain death camas

The words I speak to you are life: John 6:63

(Though knowledge by itself never saves anyone)

Houses on rock and sand: Matthew 7:24-27

The Challenges of Subjectivity: What is truth? (John 18:38)

How do we know His version of truth is THE truth? Is there an objective TRUTH out there?

Or how do we know our interpretation of His teaching is correct?

Jesus Saves Us By Leading Us into the “Pasture of Truth” that Works in a Real World

The common sense answer to subjectivism is that we live in a concrete world with consequences

Two kinds of knowledge: conceptual and experiential knowledge

Everyone who is “of the truth” listens to Jesus’ voice: John 18:37

The sheep “know His voice” John 10:4,16,27

Who are the sheep that know His voice, who are those that are of the truth?

Notice Jesus changes the metaphor from Shepherd to Door in John 10:7

The ones that “enter by Me, go in and out, and find pasture”: John 10:9

Those that test the teaching, encounter the Person Who says: “I am the Truth”: John 5:39-40, 14:6

The truth of Jesus and His teaching cannot be confirmed as true from the outside looking in

(Which is like trying to tune a guitar string with reference only to yourself)

It can only become **saving truth** from the inside (by going through the door to find pasture)

(Which is like tuning a guitar string to a reference point, i.e. to the way things are)

This is the way any truth system must be tested: from within it

Jesus claims to provide congruence with reality resulting in an abundance of “resonance”: John 10:10

The way forward is “come and see.” John 1:39

If you abide in My word, [then] you will know the truth, and truth will free you: John 8:32

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The 2024 Lenten Journey

Date	Focus
2/14 Ash Wed	Introducing the Theme Jesus Saves!?
2/18 Week One	Overview of Salvation History and How to Tell the Story
2/25 Week Two	Jesus Saves from the Tyranny of Dark Ignorance
3/3 Week Three	Jesus Saves from the Tyranny of the Black Hole of Self
3/10 Week Four	Jesus Saves from the Tyranny of Despotism and Idolatry
3/17 Week Five	Jesus Saves from the Tyranny of Isolation & Identity Amnesia
3/24 Week Six Palm Sunday	Jesus Saves from the Tyranny of Suffocating Despair
3/31 Easter	Jesus Saves from the Tyranny of the Last Enemy Death

Bedtime Pause Cards!

Take a ring of *Bedtime Pause Cards* with you today if you haven't already. There is a prompt card for each day of Lent that corresponds with our Sunday themes and helps us to carry the reflections of the saving work of Jesus throughout our weeks from Sunday to Sunday. Each prompt invites a few minutes of engagement, a great way to settle the mind and soul in preparation for a good night's sleep. The current rings have the first 24 cards of the set. The remaining cards will be distributed on Sunday, March 3.

And the Daily Noontime Lord's Prayer Practice!

And set your watches and phones to a daily ring at NOON to remind you to pray the Lord's Prayer every day during Lent together with your dispersed Highland family. This is a simple practice that can cohere us together during our busy weeks and keep our eyes on Jesus the Savior, who feeds us, forgives us, delivers and protects us, and brings His kingdom into our worlds.