



21-27 November 2021 • Faith 24/7

Listen to my voice

John 18.33-37

This is an account of what happened on the morning after Jesus was arrested. Pilate focuses on laws while Jesus focuses on living in the truth and being part of community, and makes it clear that he has come to make the truth known.

Now read [John 18.33-37](#) see p.2 for text.

A note on the passage

What is truth and where do we find it? We hear many promises in the media about so many things but are they always true? How do we work out what truth is and how to live it out in our lives?

Write

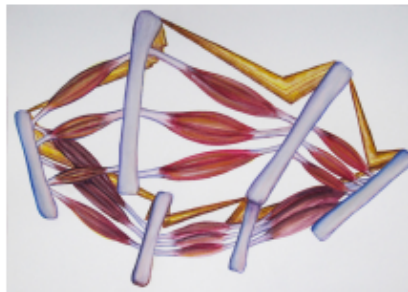
Write the word 'TRUTH' in large letters down the centre of a piece of paper. Write the word 'TRUST' across the paper using the 'U' as the centre of both words. In each corner or quadrant write one Bible truth. You could use an internet search to help you. Here are some examples (based on the CEV): Nothing will separate us from the love of God (see Romans 8.39); God will never leave us (Deuteronomy 31.6); God wants us to have the best life possible (John 10.10). Each day, read your truths and ask God to help you always trust in the truth.

ACROSTIC

Make an acrostic using the word TRUTH. That is, write the word down vertically, then use each letter to write something else that will help you remember to look to the Bible for words of truth. Here is an example (if you are not sure about how to do this, start with this and change it bit by bit):

Trust God's word
Rely on God to guide you
Understand that God loves everyone
Take time to be with God
Help others to hear the truth

Keep it somewhere where you can see it as a daily reminder.



This painting is called 'Crown' – how might it help us think about the beauty of what is hidden?

STONES

Jesus said, 'I am the way and the truth and the life' (John 14.6). Find three smooth stones (e.g. from the park or your garden). Paint, or use permanent pens to write, one word on each stone: way, truth, life. As you do so, think about what Jesus' words mean for you, and how what he says influences your life each day. Put your stones somewhere – inside or outside – where you will see them from time to time, as a reminder to follow the way of Jesus.

TRUE OR FALSE?

Which of these statements are true? Penguins sleep with one eye open. The planet Mercury is bigger than Jupiter. Giraffes can't swim. Use the internet to find the right answers. Use it again to find out three fun facts about something of interest to you. Some truths are easy to find out. Some are more difficult. How do we know what is true from what we are told? Can you think of something you have been told which turned out not to be true? How did you feel when you found out? How important is it to you that people tell the truth?



LISTEN

Look around your home. How many things 'speak' to you in some way? There are so many things that do, so many voices that can influence our daily lives. How do we know where to find truth? Who or what do you listen to in your life? For a while – e.g. two minutes – turn off everything that might be speaking to you. Sit in silence (on your own or with others). How does it feel? What are you aware of that you couldn't hear before? Does it seem like a long time? Repeat this a few times during the week, and ask God to help you to listen for his voice.



ATIC Toy Service

At our ATIC service on Sunday 12th December rather than asking you to buy toys we will be asking for cash donations. These will be given to the Food Bank who will distribute gift vouchers for Toy Shops. This will enable parents to select suitable toys for their children themselves. A separate plate will be available on the day – please do give generously.



We are having a pre-Christmas party on Friday 3rd December from 6.30 – 9.30 p.m. in the Lincoln Green Lounge (WR5 1QU). Games, party pieces, sausage supper and lots of fun! Tea, coffee and soft drinks or bring your own. Tickets £3.50 from Penny. (if you would like to read a poem, sing, tell some jokes, perform some tricks or something else, please let us know when booking.

St Mark's Church are holding a Quiz Night on Saturday 27th November 7.00 for 7.30 p.m. start in the Church Hall. £3.50 per person (accompanied under 16's free). Come as a team or join one of the St Mark's teams. BYO nibbles and drinks. Car Park entrance via Orchard Street, Worcester. WR5 3DW (turn off Bath Road opposite the Co-op)



Christmas services 2021

Sunday 19th December 4.00 p.m. at the Community Centre - Nine Lessons and Carols.

Christmas Eve 11.30 p.m. (**Online only**) Midnight Mass for the Worcester South East Team – please let Rob know if you would like joining instructions.

Christmas Day 10.00 a.m. at the Community Centre – Christmas Communion.

The service on Sunday 26th December will be a Team service at St Martin's at 10.00 a.m. There is no service at Ronkswood that day.

Daily Readings for week commencing 23 rd November 2021		
Monday	Isaiah 14: 3-20	Matthew 9: 18-34
Tuesday	Isaiah 17	Matthew 9: 35-10:15
Wednesday	Isaiah 19	Matthew 10: 16-33
Thursday	Isaiah 21: 1-12	Matthew 10: 34-11:1
Friday	Isaiah 22: 1-14	Matthew 11: 2-19
Saturday	Isaiah 24	Matthew 11: 20-end

Pray for those in need...Sally, Tristan, Mark, Katie-Louise, Pam, Sue, Bryn, Evelyn, Shane, Pat, Heather, Dorothy, Mandy, Joyce, Ian, Juliette and Nicki. **Please remember those who mourn the loss of loved ones at this time...**Pete, Rosina and Carole.