

Please listen to the audio lesson "A Letter from Jesus: Pergamum" first. Then after finishing the audio lesson, have the Scriptures handy to best utilize the following questions to answer and consider thoughtfully for your further study.

A Letter from Jesus: Pergamum

1. Read John 18:33-38

- a. How many questions does Pilate ask Jesus?
- b. How many questions does Jesus ask Pilate?
- c. Why do Jesus' servants not fight?
- d. What was Jesus' purpose in coming into the world?
- e. How does everyone who is of the truth respond to Jesus?
- f. What is Truth?
- g. What was Pilate's conclusion about Jesus? Is it True?

2. Read John 14:1-6

- a. What is our weakness when we become troubled?
- b. What will Jesus prepare?
- c. Why do you think Jesus wants the apostles (& you) to be where He is?
- d. If you are going to dwell in God's house, who will bring you to Him?
- e. Is Jesus the way, the truth, and the life in how you live & think?
- f. What is the fruit (proof) of your response to the previous question?

3. Read John 1:14-18

- a. When the Word became flesh, what was He full of?
- b. What is an example of the term "full"?
- c. What is the fullness we have all (the believer) received?
- d. How was Jesus different than Law?
- e. What happens when Grace & Truth are realized?
- f. When did you realize that the fullness of Grace & Truth are in Jesus?

Thoughts to Consider: Pilate was in a pressure cooker! The angry mob wants to destroy Jesus, but Pilate finds no guilt in Him. Jesus says no one is going to lead an army against the Jewish mob because "My Kingdom" is not of this earthly realm. His Kingdom is with the Father, and He has prepared a place for those who live their lives seeing Jesus as the one and only way to the Father, who also realize that Jesus is the fullness of truth, and know that without Jesus, there is no life. Everyone who is of the truth, listens to Jesus. When souls reject Jesus, they reject

Him as being the way to the Father, and they also smear truth, and are alienated from life, eternal life. Without Grace & Truth we cannot dwell where God is. When we become troubled, we have lost sight of the truth that Jesus reigns and knows the way home (to be with God). We must listen to His voice and simply follow, it is not as difficult as we often make it.

4. Read John 8:31-33

- a. Were these Jews unbelieving?
- b. If you continue in Jesus' Word, what 3 effects will it have on you?
- c. What do we stand to lose if we digress from Jesus' Word?
- d. Does Truth matter?

5. Read John 8:39-47

- a. Is Jesus still talking to the same group of believers?
- b. After Jesus told them the truth, did they all receive Him gladly?
- c. Is it possible to believe Jesus, and still reject truth? [v31 & v40]
- d. Did Jesus come with His own initiative of truth?
- e. What kept these from understanding?
- f. If we reject truth, who do we stand with?
- g. Will the devil lead you to an eternal dwelling away from God?
- h. Since Jesus speaks the truth, how could we not believe Him?

6. Read John 3:19-21 & 2 Timothy 3:6-8

- a. Who is the Light? (John 8:12)
- b. What is the relationship with Light, for those who practice the Truth?
- c. Why are so many afraid/hateful toward Truth & Light?
- d. What will you never know while being led by various impulses/desires?
- e. Can you always be learning about Scripture & never know the Truth?
- f. What does Paul call those who reject the truth?

Final Thoughts: Even though the Jews had believed Jesus, they still rejected Truth because they did not continue in His Word. When we continue in His Word, we find ourselves in a rich relationship with Jesus, we will realize the truth, and we will be freed in Him. There are many sincere religious souls who have rejected the Truth. They have a faith, but it isn't about the fullness of truth in Jesus. When we are lead by various impulses, we'll reject the faith & will hate the exposure light brings. Jesus came for us to realize truth; His voice constantly leads us homeward.