

# Sermon Notes

Life Action Redux/Warm Up #2: "Honesty"

John 18:33-38

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1. Let's begin with this: there are some questions in this world that have \_\_\_\_\_ than \_\_\_\_\_ right answer.
  - a. I don't mean matters of Christian \_\_\_\_\_, such as, "Is it OK to drink \_\_\_\_\_?"
  - b. Or matters of \_\_\_\_\_, like, "What would be the \_\_\_\_\_ to use for our study of honesty?"
    - i. For, while each of those has more than one \_\_\_\_\_ answer, they have no right answer, because they have no \_\_\_\_\_ answer. They are all \_\_\_\_\_.
  - c. I mean, rather, to refer to questions where the answer to a question has multiple \_\_\_\_\_ to it, like, "Why was Jesus born – why did he come into the \_\_\_\_\_?"
    - i. In these, there are multiple answers that are all \_\_\_\_\_ and non-\_\_\_\_\_.
      - a. To \_\_\_\_\_ the world. (John 3:17)
      - b. To seek and save the \_\_\_\_\_. (Luke 19:10)
      - c. To \_\_\_\_\_ the good news of the kingdom. (Luke 4:43)
      - d. To \_\_\_\_\_ a man against his father. (Matthew 10:35)
      - e. To give his life as a \_\_\_\_\_ for many. (Mark 10:45)
      - f. To bear witness to the \_\_\_\_\_. (John 18:37)
    - ii. Each of them expresses a certain \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ answer.
    - iii. All of them are \_\_\_\_\_ for a full answer – a full \_\_\_\_\_ of the truth.
      - a. To \_\_\_\_\_ any one of the right answers is to hold a \_\_\_\_\_ answer.
2. We begin here, because of the way in which \_\_\_\_\_ answer here to why he was born into the world is a bit \_\_\_\_\_ than the answer we might give.
  - a. And because his answer here, along with greatly helping us to better understand the concept of \_\_\_\_\_, is going to present us with a significant \_\_\_\_\_.

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3. The first way that Jesus' explanation of why he was born into the world helps us understand the concept of honesty is that it provides nothing less than a \_\_\_\_\_ of it.
  - a. We know instinctively that honesty has some connection to the \_\_\_\_\_, but what connection?
    - i. Honesty \_\_\_\_\_ to the truth.
    - ii. \_\_\_\_\_ acknowledges and \_\_\_\_\_ to the truth.
  - b. This, of course, is critically important to our embrace of the gospel, both for our \_\_\_\_\_ and our \_\_\_\_\_.
    - i. Bearing witness to \_\_\_\_\_.
    - ii. Bearing witness to Christ's \_\_\_\_\_ for sin.
    - iii. Being people who speak \_\_\_\_\_.
4. But, this answer of why Jesus came into the world helps us understand honesty in \_\_\_\_\_ too.
  - a. The \_\_\_\_\_ of our honesty.
    - i. It is noteworthy that Jesus said, "\_\_\_\_\_ truth," and not, "\_\_\_\_\_ truth." (vs. 37)

- ii. Likewise, it is those who are of (on the \_\_\_\_\_ of) \_\_\_\_\_ truth who listen to him.
  - iii. This reminds us that truth is a \_\_\_\_\_.
  - iv. And the catechism reminds us that the \_\_\_\_\_ is what we must embrace. (HC, LD 7, Q&A 21)
    - a. The scope of our honesty is \_\_\_\_\_.
      - 1. \_\_\_\_\_ God reveals in his word.
    - b. The scope of our honesty is \_\_\_\_\_.
      - 1. A knowledge and \_\_\_\_\_.
        - i. This assumes that what he reveals is \_\_\_\_\_ to this level.
  - b. The \_\_\_\_\_ for our honesty.
    - i. The nature of the \_\_\_\_\_ battle is that it is a battle between \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.
    - ii. This \_\_\_\_\_ began with, is fueled by, and characterized by, lies. (John 8:31-47)
      - a. \_\_\_\_\_ either of the truth or of the lies.
    - iii. To \_\_\_\_\_ with God against the lie is to \_\_\_\_\_ with him in the truth.
      - a. And as Christ was \_\_\_\_\_, so are we. (John 17:14-19, Matt. 28:18-20, II Cor. 4:1-2)
  - c. The \_\_\_\_\_ of our honesty.
    - i. The single \_\_\_\_\_ that Jesus stood before Pilate was his \_\_\_\_\_.
    - ii. It was Christ's honesty that foisted the \_\_\_\_\_ upon his \_\_\_\_\_, and it is our honesty that will do the same for us. (John 15:18-21)
  - d. The \_\_\_\_\_ of our honesty.
    - i. We \_\_\_\_\_ all those who are \_\_\_\_\_ God \_\_\_\_\_ God. (vs. 37)
    - ii. We enjoy and spread the blessings of \_\_\_\_\_. (John 8:31-32, James 1:22-25)
    - iii. Why would any Christian resist \_\_\_\_\_ and bearing witness to the \_\_\_\_\_ of God?
5. We end with this: there are some questions in this world that have \_\_\_\_\_ than \_\_\_\_\_ right answer.
- a. What it means for us to be \_\_\_\_\_ is one of those questions.
    - i. We must \_\_\_\_\_ the truth.
    - ii. We must \_\_\_\_\_ the truth.
    - iii. We must \_\_\_\_\_ to the truth of God in \_\_\_\_\_ his word reveals.
  - b. If we do not \_\_\_\_\_ honesty in all of these ways, we do not embrace \_\_\_\_\_.