This slide was omitted from the DVD but is discussed in the introduction to Lesson one. Gazing upon the face of God is the goal for each and every tour.
Jesus:
"...for this reason I was born, and for this I came into the world, to ___.__.

John 18:33-38

Pilate then went back inside the palace, summoned Jesus and asked him, “Are you the king of the Jews?”

“Is that your own idea,” Jesus asked, “or did others talk to you about me?”

John 18:33-38

“Am I a Jew?” Pilate replied. “It was your people and your chief priests who handed you over to me. What is it you have done?”

Jesus said, “My kingdom is not of this world. If it were, my servants would fight to prevent my arrest by the Jews. But now my kingdom is from another place.”

John 18:33-38

“You are a king, then!” said Pilate.

Jesus answered,
“You are right in saying I am a king. In fact, for this reason I was born, and for this I came into the world..."
For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.

Jesus answered, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.”

 Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth.

God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in spirit and in truth.

Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.
John 14:16-17
And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Counselor to be with you forever—the Spirit of truth.

John 16:13
But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all truth.

1 Timothy 2:3-4
This is good, and pleases God our Savior, who wants all men to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth.

Ephesians 6:14
Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist...

The Prophet’s Lament
“...truth has stumbled in the streets...”
Isaiah 59:14

“Truth has perished; it has vanished from their lips.”
Jeremiah 7:28

“Truth is nowhere to be found...”
Isaiah 59:16

The Good Confession
...Jesus, who while testifying before Pontius Pilate made the good confession...
1 Timothy 6:13

Veritology
how does mankind React to Truth?

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2 Timothy 4:3-4

...the time will come when men will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather around them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear. They will turn their ears away from the truth and turn aside to myths.

Romans 1:18 The wrath of God is being revealed...of men who suppress the truth.

Romans 2:8 Even from your own number men will arise and distort the truth.

Romans 1:25 They exchanged the truth of God for a lie, and worshiped and served created things rather than the Creator.

The Real Trial

Truth vs Lie

Jesus:
“...for this reason I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth.”

“Everyone on the side of truth listens to me.”

John 18:37

“Everyone on the side of truth listens to me.”

Spirit of Truth

1 John 4:6
We are from God, and whoever knows God listens to us; but whoever is not from God does not listen to us. This is how we recognize the Spirit of truth and the spirit of falsehood.

The Cosmic Battle

Truth

VS

Lie
2 Thessalonians 2:9-13

The coming of the lawless one will be in accordance with the work of Satan displayed in all kinds of counterfeit miracles, signs and wonders, and in every sort of evil that deceives those who are perishing. They perish because they refused to love the truth and so be saved...

For this reason God sends them a powerful delusion so that they will believe the lie and so that all will be condemned who have not believed the truth but have delighted in wickedness. But we ought always to thank God for you, brothers loved by the Lord, because from the beginning God chose you to be saved through the sanctifying work of the Spirit and through belief in the truth.

2 Thessalonians 2:9-13

Two Fathers

Jews: “Abraham is our father” (vs 39)
Jesus: No, you have another father (vs 39-41)
Jews: Well, God is our father (vs 41)
Jesus: No, God is not your father (vs 42)

JOHN 8:44-47

“You belong to your father, the devil, and you want to carry out your father’s desire. He was a murderer from the beginning, not holding to the truth, for there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks his native language, for he is a liar and the father of lies...”

JOHN 8:44-47

“But because I tell the truth, you do not believe me... If I am telling the truth, why don’t you believe me? He who belongs to God hears what God says. The reason you do not hear is that you do not belong to God.”
**Connecting Sin, Lies & Deceit**

Romans 7:11 “...sin deceived me...”

2 Thessalonians 2:10 “…every sort of evil that deceives those who are perishing.”

Ephesians 4:22 “…put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires...”

Hebrews 3:13 “…so that none of you may be hardened by sin’s deceitfulness.”

**The Cosmic Battle**

1 John 3:10 “This is how we know who the children of God are and...”

Hebrews 1:2 “…who the children of the devil are...”

**Captives**

The Lord’s servant must gently instruct his opponents...” in the hope that God will grant them repentance leading them to a knowledge of the truth, and that they will come to their senses and escape from the trap of the devil, who has taken them captive to do his will.”

2 Timothy 2:24-26

**Dealing with Outsiders**

“Conduct yourselves with wisdom toward outsiders, making the most of the opportunity. Let your speech always be with grace, seasoned as it were, with salt, so that you may know how you should respond to each person.”

Colossians 4:5-6 (NAS)

**Antithesis**

Unity --Vs-- Division

Diversity --Vs-- Unification

Battle of Worldviews

Delegation --Vs-- Tyranny

Freedom --Vs-- Bondage

Example: Who is man?
how does today's world answer Plato's question?

**What is Truth?**

This question could well be the most important question that we and our culture must answer.

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**So...What is Truth?**

Noah Webster, 1828:

“Conformity to fact or **reality**; exact accordance with that which is, or has been, or shall be... We rely upon the **truth** of the scriptural prophecies.”

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**Isaiah 44:18-19**

They know nothing, they understand nothing; their eyes are plastered over so they cannot see, and their minds closed so they cannot understand. No one stops to think, no one has the knowledge or understanding to say, “Half of it I used for fuel; I even baked bread over its coals, I roasted meat and I ate. Shall I make a detestable thing from what is left? Shall I bow down to a block of wood?”

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**Isaiah 44:20**

He feeds on ashes, a deluded heart misleads him; he cannot save himself, or say, “Is not this thing in my right hand a lie?”

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Isaiah 44:20

He bows down to it and worships. He prays to it and says, "Save me; you are my god."

How foolish is this?

Isaiah 44:17

What is insanity?

losing touch with Reality...
believing the lie is Real...

our actions reflect what we believe to be really real

"...Christ Himself, in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. I say this in order that no one may delude you with persuasive argument."

Colossians 2:2-4 (NAS)

"Will He not care for you, O you of little faith?"

What is Jesus getting at?

Common Insanity

Matthew 6:25-34

Jesus on "Worry & Anxiety"

The ultimate source of truth...
Pointing us to what is really, really real.
"Will He not care for you, O you of little faith?"

What is Jesus trying to get us to believe?

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What is Faith?

Faith in What?

A haunting question:
Do you really believe
that what you believe
is really real?

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