



Truth

of Jesus

Reflect on the following:

Biblical Reference	Verse	Significance / meaning
John 14:6		
Matt 11:27		
John 1:14		

All truth is found in Jesus, and any path to God ultimately goes through Jesus. God opened those pathways to Himself through Jesus, though they awaited the fullness of the Incarnated Word.

St John Paul II's encyclical "*Redemptoris Missio*" pointed to the reason why Jesus is the key to the discussion on truth, as well as the fullness of it:

"...the affirmation among peoples of the gospel values which Jesus made incarnate in his own life (peace, justice, brotherhood, concern for the needy); and a kind of soulless economic and technical development which only stimulates the search for the truth about God, about man and about the meaning of life itself."

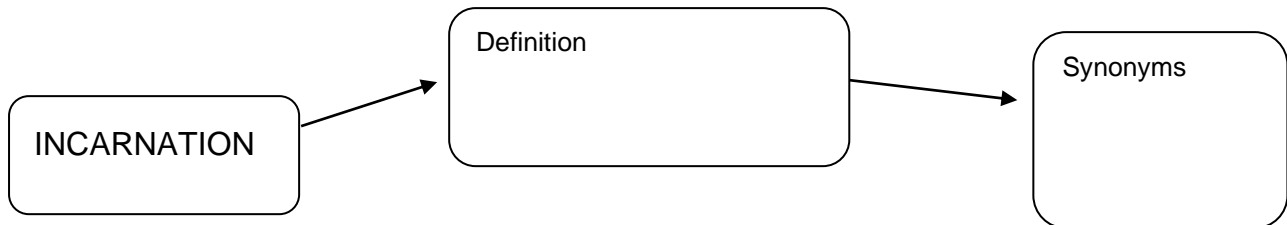
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"The Church has an immense spiritual patrimony to offer humankind, a heritage in Christ, who called himself "the way, and the truth, and the life" (Jn 14:6): it is the Christian path to meeting God, to prayer, to asceticism, and to the search for life's meaning."

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What does it mean when we say that Jesus Christ is God
“Incarnate”?



What does the Church say about “Truth”?

Use the following to complete the table below:

[Compendium of the Catechism of the Catholic Church \(vatican.va\)](http://vatican.va)

	Reflect on what each reading says about “truth”.
11. Why, and in what way is divine revelation transmitted? CCC 74	
16. To whom is given the task of authentically interpreting the deposit of faith? CCC 85-90, 100	
18. Why does Sacred Scripture teach the truth? CCC 105-108, 135-136	
25. How does man respond to God who reveals himself? CCC 142-143	
27. What does it mean, in practice, for a person to believe in God? CCC 150-152 CCC 176-178	
41. In what way is God the truth? CCC 214-217 CCC 231	



Solutions to Worksheet SJ555: Truth

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John 14:6	<i>"I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the father, but by me"</i>	Jesus is: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• the beginning, the middle and the end.• the guide of our way.• <i>the true and living way.</i>
Matt 11:27	<i>"No one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son wishes to reveal him"</i>	Christ, as God, is equal in power and glory with the Father; but as Mediator he receives his power and glory from the Father. Jesus alone is in a position to declare exactly what God is like. The Father has given Jesus the sole prerogative of revealing him.
John 1:14	<i>"And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth."</i>	The divine Word had become the human Jesus. The ministry of Jesus is seen as an expression of God's grace and a revelation of his truth. The truth is the life of Jesus – which is to be manifested in us.

When we say that Jesus Christ is God "Incarnate," we mean that the Son of God took on a fleshly, bodily form.

Incarnation

The union of the divine nature of the Son of God with human nature in the person of Jesus Christ. The Son of God assumed our flesh, body and soul, and dwelled among us like one of us in order to redeem us.

Useful resources:

[The Complete Fullness of Truth in the Catholic Church \(coraevans.com\)](http://coraevans.com)

[Compendium of the Catechism of the Catholic Church \(vatican.va\)](http://vatican.va)

[Redemptoris Missio \(7 December 1990\) | John Paul II \(vatican.va\)](http://vatican.va)