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- Pontius Pilate famously scoffed, “What is truth?!” It is the answer to that question that the apostle John seems most concerned about in his writings.
- In John’s gospel and three epistles he uses the word “true” 28 times. It is an adjective, describing such things as true vine, true witness, true drink, true bread, true worshipers, and true light. Notice 1 John 5:20. Things are “true” when they compare precisely to an ideal.
- “Truth” is used 47 times. It is a noun, and has the sense of substance, reality, and unchangeableness.



**WHAT WAS THE
PROBLEM IN
FIRST JOHN?**

STANDING UP FOR TRUTH



INCREDIBLE PROMISES

- Truth offers incredible promises to those who believe it. In John's first letter, he outlines some of these:
- Total forgiveness (1:9–10, 2:1–2)
- Close relationship with God (3:1–2, 4:7)
- Full assurance, not “guesswork” (1:1–3, 3:18)
- A life in heaven that is better (2:25, 5:11–12)
- Strength to overcome (5:4, 5:18)
- True love (4:7–17)