

**“JERUSALEM MEETS ROME AND FINDS
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“MARTYRDOM”

GOD IS ABUNDANT IN TRUTH

*God always speaks, acts and thinks the truth; He cannot lie
God has made the whole universe truly and it demands conformity
to truth*

*God has made truth-telling a part of the law
God hates and finds abominable to Himself any lie, deceit or any
look that is not consistent with truth*

*For humans to be godly, they must be truthful since God is truth and
loves truth*

*Consequently the enemy to God would be so because he did not tell
the truth; he deceived our parents with a lie. Therefore his
name is the liar, the deceiver - the devil, the satan*

JESUS IS THE TRUTH, THE WAY AND THE LIFE

Jesus is the incarnation of truth

Jesus taught in total truth and talked a lot about truth

The people who “do the truth” will come to the light

True worshippers must worship God in spirit and in truth

*If we would pay close attention to the words of Jesus so that we
observe them with diligence, we would know the truth
and the truth would make us free*

There is no mixing of lie and truth; you are one or the other

*The Holy Spirit, whom Jesus would send to us, is the Spirit of
truth, would guide us into all truth*

We have been set apart (sanctified) by the truth of God’s Word

*Those associated with Jesus were truth-tellers: One of Jesus’
greatest commendations of John was that he bore witness to
the truth*

**A FAITHFUL WITNESS IS ESSENTIAL TO ESTABLISH THE TRUTH OF
ANY MATTER**

*Because humans are fallen from the holy character with which we
were originally created, we have a difficult time speaking the*

truth and giving a faithful witness. So the Scriptures call for us to bear truthful testimony with as many eyewitnesses to an event as we can. No matter is truthful out of the mouth of but one person; it needs to be confirmed by at least 2-3 witnesses
Due to our limitations as physical humans we cannot see all sides of a single event. We need the testimony of others who may have seen a different perspective on that event
Due to our emotional character we sometimes are emotionally involved with the happenings of some event and cannot give a faithful recall to what happened.
It is also known that we will make up details of an event to resolve the missing or fabricated elements of our testimony
Due to pressure from others, humans have been known to change our witness to conform to another's testimony
During a terrifying or fearful event, humans have been known to create details or completely blank out on details of the event appearing to forget the event as if it had not happened at all.
In the time of the New Testament

ONE OF THE COMMON USES OF OBJECTS WAS AS WITNESSES TO THE TRUTH

Many kinds of natural resources were used as witnesses: stones, living trees, landmarks such as outcroppings of rocks or springs, streams, caves, branches
Written covenants were witnesses of truth or an event
Seals on a document was a witness of legitimacy
The temple was a witness of the relationship of God with Israel

JESUS IS THE FAITHFUL WITNESS

Re 1:5 and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler over the kings of the earth. To Him who loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood,
Re 3:14 ¶ "And to the angel of the church of the Laodiceans write, 'These things says the Amen, the Faithful and True Witness, the Beginning of the creation of God:

JESUS CALLS ON BELIEVERS TO BE HIS WITNESSES

We have been empowered by the Holy Spirit to be Jesus' witnesses in all the world to every nation Acts 1:8