

Our Concern

Balance is so important! But how is "balance" defined - who sets the standard of measurement? Ponder the illustration of an ancient scale where one side of the scale serves as the standard of measurement for an item placed on the other side. Is the standard of measurement accurate in the first place?

Now consider a modern digital scale. One places on the scale the item measured in order to determine its weight. But what if the scale is faulty? The standard of measurement must be correct at the beginning if one is to conclude with the true weight. Can humanity offer an absolutely true criterion of measurement? God can and does.

This is where correct measurement is crucial to the whole pursuit of truth. Let's use an eternally significant example.

In Matthew 27:42 we find some individuals bringing their standard or criteria for determining the truth about the real identity of Jesus Christ. They said, "He saved others; he cannot save himself. He claims to be the King of Israel; let him now come down from the cross, and we will believe in him."

Here, the religious leaders were applying a standard - their own - to determine whether or not Jesus was who He claimed to be - the Son of God (see verse 43). If you do this [come down from the cross] then we will do this [believe].

But in God's eyes, a completely different standard was set up as that which determined the actual truth of the matter of Jesus' true identity. God's measurement - a very different criterion than that which the religious leaders were using - was being rejected. The religious leaders had set up a standard of measurement that was different than the ultimately true standard or criteria (i.e., God's). Are you beginning to see the problem? God did not accept their condition as grounds to confirm His Son to be Who He indeed (factually) was - His Son.

In other words, the religious leaders created a false criterion that God did not accept. As a result, their expectation was not met and they continued rejecting God's only provision for sin in Jesus Christ's death. While Jesus did not meet their condition by coming down from the cross, the fact that He was Who He claimed to be was not affected by His failing to cater to their false standard. Do you understand the association this has to that of truth issues or foundations? **Opinions** are *good* only if they are true!

The same is true for the standard of truth in general, universal contexts. If one accepts a faulty standard to begin with as a measurement or criteria for truth, one is in jeopardy of suffering consequences in proportion to the truths involved.

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