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12 Then Jesus again spoke to them, saying, “I am the Light of the world; he who follows Me will not walk in the darkness, but will have the Light of life.” **13** So the Pharisees said to Him, “You are testifying about Yourself; Your testimony is not true.” **14** Jesus answered and said to them, “Even if I testify about Myself, My testimony is true, for I know where I came from and where I am going; but you do not know where I come from or where I am going. **15** You judge according to the flesh; I am not judging anyone. **16** But even if I do judge, My judgment is true; for I am not alone in it, but I and the Father who sent Me. **17** Even in your law it has been written that

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the testimony of two men is true. **18** I am He who testifies about Myself, and the Father who sent Me testifies about Me.” **19** So they were saying to Him, “Where is Your Father?” Jesus answered, “You know neither Me nor My Father; if you knew Me, you would know My Father also...” **21** Then He said again to them, “I go away, and you will seek Me, and will die in your sin; where I am going, you cannot come.” **22** So the Jews were saying, “Surely He will not kill Himself, will He, since He says, ‘Where I am going, you cannot come’?” **23** And He was saying to them, “You are from below, I am from above; you are of this world, I am not of this world. **24** Therefore

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I said to you that you will die in your sins; for unless you believe that I am He, you will die in your sins... **26** I have many things to speak and to judge concerning you, but He who sent Me is true; and the things which I heard from Him, these I speak to the world.” **27** They did not realize that He had been speaking to them about the Father. **28** So Jesus said, “When you lift up the Son of Man, then you will know that I am He, and I do nothing on My own initiative, but I speak these things as the Father taught Me. **29** And He who sent Me is with Me; He has not left Me alone, for I always do the things that are pleasing to Him.”

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His Word is True.

31 So Jesus was saying to those Jews who had believed Him, “If you continue in My word, then you are truly disciples of Mine; **32** and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.” **33** They answered Him, “We are Abraham’s descendants and have never yet been enslaved to anyone; how is it that You say, ‘You will become free?’” **34** Jesus answered them, “Truly, truly, I say to you,

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everyone who commits sin is the slave of sin. **35** The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son does remain forever. **36** So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed. **37** I know that you are Abraham's descendants; yet you seek to kill Me, because My word has no place in you. **38** I speak the things which I have seen with My Father; therefore you also do the things which you heard from your father."

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His Word is True.

His Truth is Liberating.

39 They answered and said to Him, "Abraham is our father." Jesus said to them, "If you are Abraham's children, do the deeds of Abraham. **40** But as it is, you are seeking to kill Me, a man who has told you the truth, which I heard from God; this Abraham did not do. **41** You are doing the deeds of your father." They said to Him, "We were not born of fornication; we have one Father: God." **42** Jesus said to them, "If God were your Father, you would love Me, for I proceeded forth and have come from God, for I have not even come on My own initiative, but He sent Me. **43** Why do you not understand what I am saying?

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It is because you cannot hear My word. **44**

You are of your father the devil, and you want to do the desires of your father. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth because there is no truth in him. Whenever he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own nature, for he is a liar and the

father of lies. **45** But because I speak the truth, you do not believe Me. **46** Which one of you convicts Me of sin? If I speak truth, why do you not believe Me? **47** He who is of God hears the words of God; for this reason you do not hear them, because you are not of God..." **53** Surely You are not greater than our father Abraham, who died?

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The prophets died too; whom do You make Yourself out to be?" **54** Jesus answered, "If I glorify Myself, My glory is nothing; it is My Father who glorifies Me, of whom you say, 'He is our God'; **55** and you have not come to know Him, but I know Him; and if I say that I do not know Him, I will be a liar like you, but I do know Him and keep His word. **56** Your father Abraham rejoiced to see My day, and he saw it and was glad." **57** So the Jews said to Him, "You are not yet fifty years old, and have You seen Abraham?" **58** Jesus said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was born, I am."

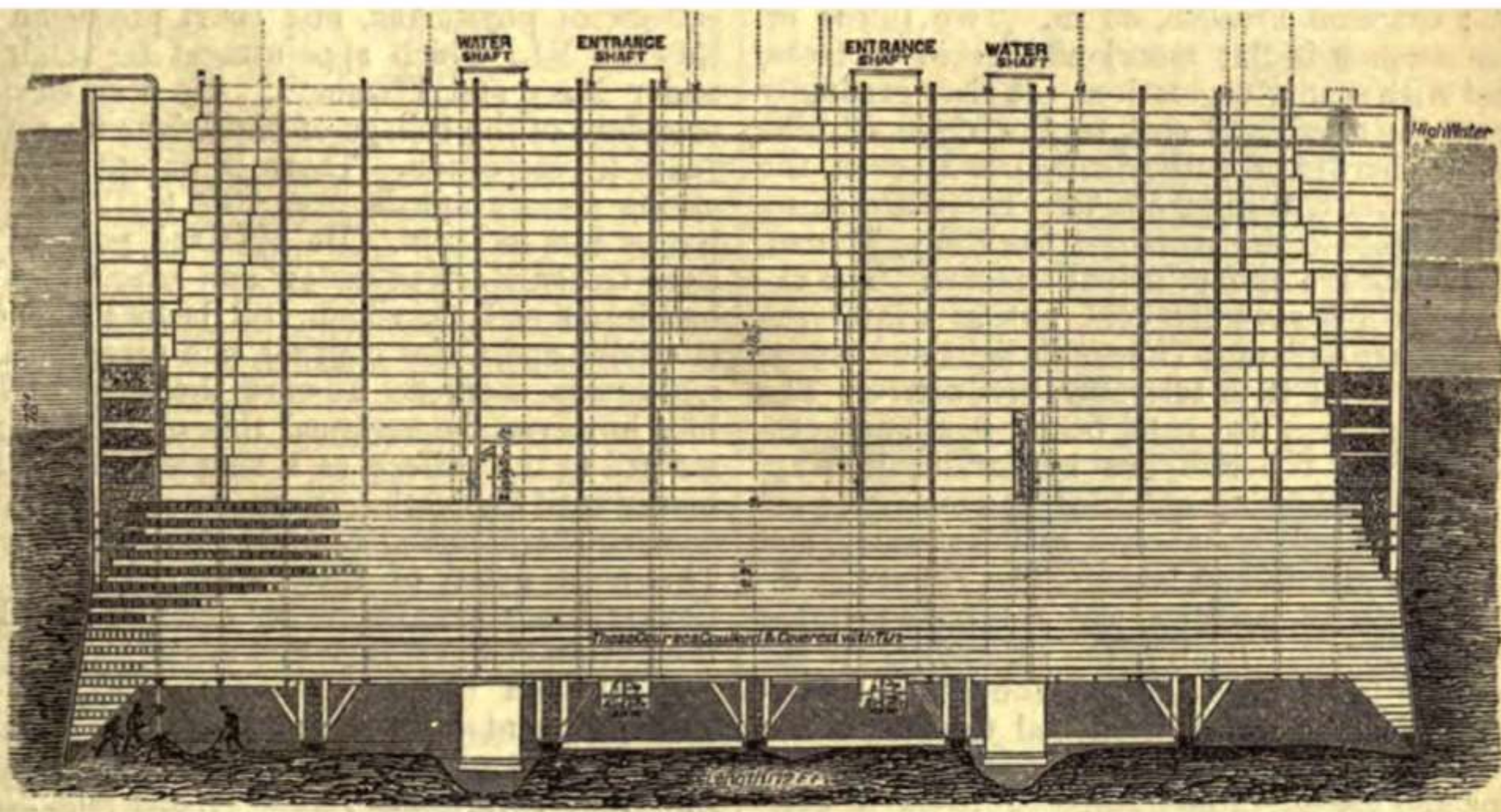
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His Truth is Exclusive.





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