

A dark, atmospheric street view of a city, likely New York City, with tall buildings and a bus in the foreground. The scene is dimly lit, suggesting dusk or dawn. The buildings are mostly dark, with some windows glowing. A bus is visible in the lower left, with the number '156' and the name 'LASALLE' on its destination sign. The overall mood is somber and urban.

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TRUTH CLAIMS

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SELF DEFEATING – TRUTH CLAIMS

“I cant speak a word in English.”

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SELF DEFEATING – TRUTH CLAIMS

“There is no such thing as truth.”

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“All truth is relative.”

“There are no absolutes.”

“that is true for you but not for me.”

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Matt. 7:1 "Do not judge . . ."

Matthew 7:1-5 NET

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Matt. 7:1 "Do not judge so that you will not be judged.

² For by the standard you judge you will be judged, and the measure you use will be the measure you receive.

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³ Why do you see the speck in your brother's eye, but fail to see the beam of wood in your own?

⁴ Or how can you say to your brother, 'Let me remove the speck from your eye,' while there is a beam in your own?

⁵ You hypocrite! First remove the beam from your own eye, and then you can see clearly to remove the speck from your brother's eye.

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Matthew 18:15 "Moreover if your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault between you and him alone. If he hears you, you have gained your brother."

John 7:24 "Do not judge according to appearance, but judge with righteous judgment."



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While Peter and John were speaking to the people, the priests and the commander of the temple guard and the Sadducees came up to them, ² angry because they were teaching the people and announcing in Jesus the resurrection of the dead.

³ So they seized them and put them in jail until the next day (for it was already evening).

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⁴ But many of those who had listened to the message believed, and the number of the men came to about five thousand. ⁵ On the next day, their rulers, elders, and experts in the law came together in Jerusalem.

⁶ Annas the high priest was there, and Caiaphas, John, Alexander, and others who were members of the high priest's family.

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⁷ After making Peter and John stand in their midst, they began to inquire, "By what power or by what name did you do this?"

⁸ Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, replied, "Rulers of the people and elders,

⁹ if we are being examined today for a good deed done to a sick man—by what means this man was healed—

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¹⁰ let it be known to all of you and to all the people of Israel that by the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead, this man stands before you healthy.

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11 This Jesus is the stone that was rejected by you, the builders, that has become the cornerstone.

12 And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among people by which we must be saved."

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Our culture says, “Don’t say Jesus is superior or He is the only way. That view is arrogant and exclusive . . .”

- Jesus taught this about Himself

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John 8:12 "I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life."

John 14:6 Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me."

Matthew 28:18-20 "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. ¹⁹ "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ "teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age."

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Our culture says, “Keep your beliefs private. Otherwise we will never have a peaceful society. All religions are equally valid. . .”

- This view is logically wrong and hypocritical. (remember, judge not!)

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