

Introduction to Titus

and

Titus 1:1-4

Setting the Stage

Bible Fellowship Assembly is...

a good place to meet

a local church, the bride of Christ

strange group of Christians

a family

Titus - the Letter

- Pastoral epistle (letter)
- Author - Apostle Paul
- written in the mid-60's A.D.
 - after first imprisonment in Rome
- written to Titus
 - instructions for local churches

still applies to us today

Titus - the Man

- Greek, Gentile
- follower of Jesus
- close friend and co-worker of Paul
- leader, man of integrity
- well-travelled
 - Ephesus, Corinth, Macedonia, Jerusalem, Crete, Dalmatia
 - back to Crete again?

Theme

Titus is to provide instructions to the church:

- proper leadership
- focus on sound, healthy doctrine
- people must do good works
- motivated by God's grace and mercy.

Background

One of Crete's own prophets has said it:
“Cretans are always liars, evil brutes, lazy
gluttons.”

(Tit 1:12 NIV)

“...insubordinate, empty talkers and
deceivers...”

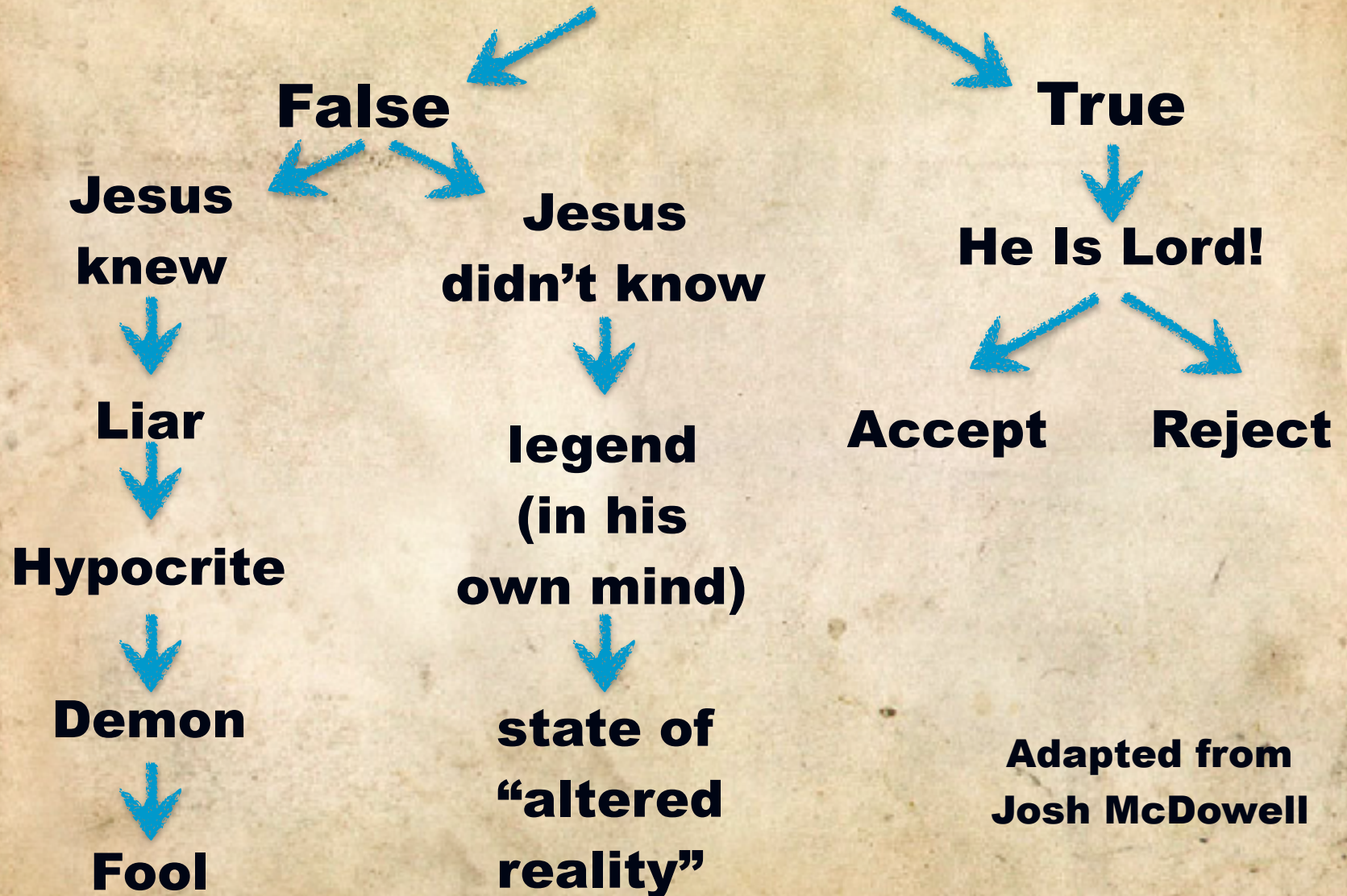
(Tit 1:10 ESV)

Titus 1:1-4 (NIV)

Paul, a servant of God and an apostle of Jesus Christ to further the faith of God's elect and their knowledge of the truth that leads to godliness — in the hope of eternal life, which God, who does not lie, promised before the beginning of time, and which now at his appointed season he has brought to light through the preaching entrusted to me by the command of God our Savior,

To Titus, my true son in our common faith:
Grace and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Savior.

Jesus claims to be God



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Josh McDowell

Application to Our Lives?

God's grace and offer of salvation for all
eternal life through Christ Jesus

instructions for living

corporately - qualified elders, sound doctrine
essential, address issues

individually - good deeds, appropriate behaviour
be committed

people see a difference in our lives