

## Prayer and Betrayal – John 17:1–18:11



MEMORY VERSE: “And this is eternal life, that they know You the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent.” John 17:3

### DAY 1 JOHN 17 Overview— High Priestly Prayer

1. Who did Jesus first pray for and what was His main desire? vv.1-5
2. Who did He next pray for and what did He want for them? vv.6-19
  - v.13
  - v.15
  - v.17
3. Who else did Jesus pray for and what was His desire for them? vv.20-26
  - vv.21-23
  - v.24
  - v.26
4. Why do you think Jesus prayed to His Father within the hearing of His disciples? see also 16:33
5. What words or themes did Jesus repeat throughout this prayer?

### LEARN THE TRUTH

Jesus routinely went off by to pray by Himself, but we now get to listen in as the Son of God prays to His Father on behalf of His faithful followers. May God give you insight into this prayer- to Christ's love for God, His desire for us, and to help us know how to pray for those we love, all to God's glory.

### DAY 2 JOHN 17:1-5 — Jesus Prays for Himself

6. What various references to time did Jesus make in His prayer to His Father? vv.1-5

7. What does it mean to “glorify” someone? What do you think it looks like for God to glorify Jesus?
8. What reasons did Jesus give for praying that God glorify Him? vv.1-3
9. How had Jesus glorified God on earth? What effect on mankind do you see in this? vv.4-5
10. The “hour” that has come refers to Jesus’ crucifixion. How can “glory” apply to such a horrific event?

John 7:38-39

John 12:23-25

John 14:1-4

### DAY 3 JOHN 17:6-19 — Jesus Prays for the Disciples

11. What happened between God, Jesus and his disciples during Christ’s earthly ministry? vv.6-10
12. How was life about to change for the disciples? What would the disciples need to face those changes?  
vv.11-14
13. Rather than asking God to take His followers out of the world, what did He ask instead? vv.14-17
14. What was God’s plan for those who loved Jesus but were left here after His death? vv.18-19

15. What do you think it means to be “sanctified in truth?” How does this happen? vv.17-19

Acts 26:18

Romans 15:16

1 Corinthians 6:11

1 Thessalonians 5:23-24

Hebrews 10:10

Hebrews 13:12

#### **DAY 4** JOHN 17:20-26 — Jesus Prays for All Believers

16. Who do you think is included in this part of Jesus’ prayer? v.20

17. What does this group of believers need, and why is this of vital importance? v.21

18. How is it possible for this group of people to impact the world they live in? vv.22-23

19. What does the future hold for these people? vv.24-26

20. What is key for followers of Christ make the name of Christ known to others.? v. 26

#### **DAY 5** JOHN 18:1-11 – Betrayal in the Garden of Gethsemane

21. The Garden of Gethsemane is on the Mount of Olives in the Kidron Valley. Why do you think Jesus went to this particular place at this particular time? vv.1-4a

22. What additional details are included in the other Gospels about the night before Jesus' arrest?  
Matt 26:36-46

Mark 14:32-42

Luke 22:39-46

23. What important details did John include in his account of Judas' betrayal of Jesus? vv.3-11  
vv.4-6

vv.7-9

vv.10-11

24. Do any of the details from the other gospel accounts of this time seem especially important to you?  
Matt.26:47-56

Mark 14:43-50

Luke 22:47-53

25. What new insights, understanding or convictions have you gained from the Scripture in this lesson?

## LOVE THE TRUTH

During this most difficult time in Jesus' life, He prayed. He poured out His heart to His Father, asking that His followers would be united, protected, joyful and sanctified, able to bring others to salvation. Upon His arrest, He then made sure His disciples scattered to safety. What a mighty God we serve!

## John 17:1-18:11

### Prayer and Betrayal

Imagine the heaviness of Jesus' heart during these last hours before His crucifixion. It is difficult to comprehend that Jesus gave up the glory He had known with God before the world even existed in order that we might be saved. When the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, Jesus willingly accepted limitations humans face every day. One of those limitations is the concept of time. God is not bound by time because, "with the Lord, one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day." And yet Jesus was bound by time and faithfully lived on a divine timeline on earth. Throughout John's gospel, He repeatedly made references to time. At the wedding of Cana, He said, "My hour has not yet come." Upon cleansing the temple, He said, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." He told the woman at the well, "The hour is coming and is now here when true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth." He told His disciples to "lift up your eyes and see that the fields are white for harvest." The official's son was healed at the exact hour that Jesus said, "Go; your son will live." Another man had been an invalid for 38 years, yet Jesus healed him instantly. Jesus told his brothers, "My time has not yet come, but your time is always here." God mixes eternity with every day minutes, the long term with the short term. But now His time has come. (2:4,18-22;4:23,35,50;5:8;7:6)

Jesus began this high priestly prayer saying, "Father, the hour has come." Everything that had happened not only over the past 3 years, but since the beginning of time, was leading up to the cross. He had been faithful to God, and done as His Father willed. He was able to go forward to the cross because He loved His Father and all mankind. He knew He would again be glorified for all eternity through His death and resurrection. He also knew His disciples would soon have to carry on in the world without Jesus' physical presence. They would face terrible tribulation (16:33), so He prayed to His Father so that they could hear His heart for them.

Jesus was betrayed by Judas, who had walked with Him and seen His power yet it did not penetrate his heart. When Jesus said, "I am He," the soldiers fell to the ground, and even that didn't penetrate their hearts. In the midst of this awful scene, Jesus made sure his disciples got away safely, including Peter who pulled out his sword and cut off the ear of the soldier Malchus, which Jesus immediately healed. Peter had once before insisted that Jesus would not die, and Jesus answered, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me. For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man." (Matthew 16:23) Jesus was utterly determined to go to the cross because of His love for us!

### WALK IN TRUTH



Jesus prayed for all of His followers, not that God would take them out of the world, but that He would keep them from the evil one. He prayed that we would be "one," as Jesus is one with God. Jesus manifested God's name to those God gave Him "out of the world," and He has sent us into the world to make His name known to others. What does it mean to be "in" the world, but not "of" it? How is it possible for us to make His name known? Throughout His prayer, Jesus repeated the words, "in truth." We know "in truth" that Jesus came from God, we are "sanctified in truth" and His "Word is truth." The Word became flesh and dwelt among us (John 1:1,14) and is in us when we believe in Him. When we pray to our Father in truth, we experience joy in the Lord, power against temptation, unity among believers, and are able to effectively manifest God to the world. Jesus willingly drank the cup God had for Him because He loved us. Our cup is that of the new covenant in His blood in remembrance of Him. (1 Cor 11:25)

## Notes