

Jesus' Prayer – April 19, 2023

After Passover – John 17 – Jesus' 3-pt prayer. Before Gethsemane.

I. **John 17:1-5** – Jesus prays for Himself.

“Father, the hour has come. Glorify your Son, that your Son may glorify you.”

- Hour to finish the “work” . . . His work was **2 things**: *Read vs 2-5*
 - (1) Jesus gives “**eternal life** to all those” God has given to Him.
 - a. Jesus given the task of eternal life, & authority to do it.
 - When God gives us tasks, He gives us what we need.
 - b. Not every person has heaven. We're drawn to God.
 - **Jn. 6:44** - *“No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws them, and I will raise them up at the last day.”*
 - c. **Vs.3** “Now this is eternal life: that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent.”
 - Out of context, suggests belief only; can believe & reject Him.
 - Jesus said in **Luke 4:46** – *“Why do you call Me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ and do not do what I say?”*
 - **Matt. 7:21** – *“Not everyone who says to Me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only he who does the will of My Father in heaven.”*
 - **Jn 15:14** – *“You are my friends if you do what I command you.”*
 - **Jn 14:15** – *“If you love me, you will keep My commandments.”*
 - **2 Jn 1:6** – *“And this is love: that we walk in obedience to his commands. As you have heard from the beginning, his command is that you walk in love.”*

- **Belief + Actions. Jesus – Lord. Walk in love.**

(2) “I have brought you **glory** on earth by finishing the work you gave me to do” – John 17:4

- Our work on this earth is to **give God glory**. It's not about us.

II. **Jesus Prays for the Disciples**

John 17:6 - *“I have revealed you to those whom you gave me out of the world. They were yours; you gave them to me and they have obeyed your word.”*

- Jesus revealed God to the disciples. Again, that’s our work, too.
- Jesus is very specific – this prayer is for His disciples:

John 17:9-10 – *“I pray for them. I am not praying for the world, but for those you have given me, for they are yours. All I have is yours, and all you have is mine. And **glory** has come to me through them.*

- Again - We give glory to God and Jesus.
- If we don’t praise God, the rocks & hills will cry out. **Luke 19:40**

John 17:11-12 – *“Holy Father, protect them by the power of your name, the name you gave me, so that they may be one as we are one. While I was with them, I protected them & kept them safe by that name you gave me. None has been lost except the one doomed to destruction so that Scripture would be fulfilled.”*

- Our protection is from God. Pray in the name of Jesus.
- Protect so “they may be one as **we are one**”? **Same mind.** Will.
 - **One in love.** God’s love sent Jesus. Jesus’ love... **Same love.**
- None lost but Judas.
 - We also try to force Jesus to be who we want . . . Genie.

John 17:15 – *“My prayers is not that you take them out of the world but that you protect them from the evil one.”*

- God wants us living in the world . . . serving Him, sharing Good News.
- **V. 18** “As you sent me into the world, I have sent them into the world.”

John 17:16-17 – *“They are not of the world, even as I am not of it. 17 Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth.”*

- Sanctify: “set apart or declare holy” special use; “free from sin; purify”
 - Truth – God’s word. God created us with a purpose. Different.
 - Sanctify them –love what God loves, do God’s will. **Same mind.**
- **Heb. 10:10** – “we have been sanctified through the sacrifice of the body of Jesus Christ”
- **Heb 2:11** – “For he who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one source. That is why he is not ashamed to call them brothers”
 - One source. Same family. **Same love.** It’s a gift; we don’t do it!

III. Jesus Prays for Us

John 17:20-21 - “My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, 21 that all of them *may be one*, Father, *just as you are in me and I am in you*. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me. “

- **Us. We** believe b/c of Disciples’ message.
- Jesus prayed for us to “**be one**,” – same mind, same love.
- We have to be connected to God to impact others.

John 17:22-23 – “I have given them the *glory* that you gave me, that they may be *one as we are one*— 23 I in them and you in me—so that they may be brought to *complete unity*. Then the world will know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me.

- We have God’s glory... worth – honor – magnificence.
 - We don’t do this mission on our own.
 - **1 Pet. 5:6** – “Humble yourselves ... under God’s mighty hand, so that in due time He may exalt you.” He lifts us up. Honor.
- Jesus’ prayed for us to have **unity... be one...** for message to be heard.
 - He knew what was to come. We lack unity.
 - Our mission is to come together. **Same Love, same mind.**

John 17:24 - “Father, I want those you have given me to be with me where I am, and to see my glory, the glory you have given me because you loved me before the creation of the world.”

- Jesus prays for us to be with Him . . . in glory.
- Jesus has gone away to prepare a place for us to be with Him.

This prayer is profound, prophetic, powerful, and personal.

Profound – intense; gives us great knowledge.

Prophetic – we need unity. Powerful – what can happen . . .

Personal – Jesus prayed for us. You. Me.

- Do you know where you’ll spend eternity? Believe & Follow.
Walk in Love. Give God Glory. Unity.

Song of the week – “We are One ” – Jesus Revolution. Michael W. Smith

5-3-23- “Restoration Reunion” – 14 days (2 weeks)

John 17 - After Jesus said this, he looked toward heaven and prayed:

“Father, the hour has come. Glorify your Son, that your Son may glorify you. 2 For you granted him authority over all people that he might give eternal life to all those you have given him. 3 Now this is eternal life: that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent. 4 I have brought you glory on earth by finishing the work you gave me to do. 5 And now, Father, glorify me in your presence with the glory I had with you before the world began.

6 “I have revealed you to those whom you gave me out of the world. They were yours; you gave them to me and they have obeyed your word. 7 Now they know that everything you have given me comes from you. 8 For I gave them the words you gave me and they accepted them. They knew with certainty that I came from you, and they believed that you sent me. 9 I pray for them. I am not praying for the world, but for those you have given me, for they are yours. 10 All I have is yours, and all you have is mine. And glory has come to me through them. 11 I will remain in the world no longer, but they are still in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them by the power of your name, the name you gave me, so that they may be one as we are one. 12 While I was with them, I protected them and kept them safe by that name you gave me. None has been lost except the one doomed to destruction so that Scripture would be fulfilled.

13 “I am coming to you now, but I say these things while I am still in the world, so that they may have the full measure of my joy within them. 14 I have given them your word and the world has hated them, for they are not of the world any more than I am of the world. 15 My prayer is not that you take them out of the world but that you protect them from the evil one. 16 They are not of the world, even as I am not of it. 17 Sanctify them by[d] the truth; your word is truth. 18 As you sent me into the world, I have sent them into the world. 19 For them I sanctify myself, that they too may be truly sanctified.