

John 17

The Lord's Prayer

EXTREMELY SAD Moment > 3 years Jesus & Disciples TOGETHER 24/7
 LAUGHTER – TEARS – FEAR – Questions/Answers – PROBLEMS & JOYS
 Thru ALL JESUS was WITH THEM – All Agreed NEVER Make it w/Out HIM
 Judas Trusted TREASURER: BETRAYER / Dependable Peter: DENIER – 3 X's
 "A time is coming, and has come, when *you will be scattered*, each to his own
 home. *You will leave me all alone...*" John 16:32

Worst NEWS > Jesus GOING AWAY – Death, Suffering – They'll Suffer TOO!
 Something KEPT THEM GOING – 11 who heard this PRAYER – ENDURED
 Most Sermons when HEAR "Let us Pray" > Think "Oh Finally, it is OVER!"
 Jesus HERE says "Let us Pray" > Do Well to WAKE UP and LISTEN!

vs. 1 – 8 for Himself / vs. 9 – 19 for Disciples / vs. 20 – 26 for Church

1. Revelation of Glory 2. Redemption by Grace 3. Relationship of Gladness

1. Revelation of Glory

MAIN IDEA: v. 1 After Jesus said this, he looked toward heaven and prayed:
 "Father, the time has come. Glorify your Son, that your Son may glorify you."

Almost Awkward EAVESDROPPING on TENDER Moment btwn Father & Son

Perhaps the most sacred moment in the four gospels.

W. Temple

21 Prayers of Jesus in NT > ALL Begin with INTIMACY – Father = DADDY!
 NO Prayer in OT begins THIS WAY > Only Jesus brings us THIS NEAR to God
 SKYPE to Loving Father "***Dad, having a tough time, can't wait to get HOME!***"
 Anytime GOD talks to GOD > GLORIOUS Event > GLORY their Atmosphere
 Who is this King of glory? The LORD strong and mighty, the LORD mighty in
 battle. Psalm 24:8

1st Reference to GLORY in Bible > “I will gain glory for myself through Pharaoh and all his army, and the Egyptians will know that I am the LORD.” Exodus 14:4

Glory = FULLNESS of God – ALL His Holiness, Light, Righteousness, Truth, Grace, Power, Immutability, Justice / VISIBLE & Invisible / AWESOME!

RED SEA: ENEMIES Destroyed and People of God DELIVERED, They SING:

"Who among the gods is like you, O LORD? Who is like you -- majestic in holiness, awesome in glory, working wonders?" Exodus 15:11

a. Given Up > Jesus WILLINGLY SURRENDERED His FULL Glory

v. 5 And now, Father, glorify me in your presence with the glory *I had with you before the world began.*

INCARNATION was HUMILIATION / VOLUNTEERED to be a SERVANT

IF God came in FULL GLORY we'd All be SLAIN like Pharaoh's ARMY

Christ Jesus: Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, but *made himself nothing*, taking the very nature of a servant
Philippians 2:5-7

He had no beauty or majesty to attract us to him, nothing in his appearance that we should desire him.
Isaiah 53:2

b. Given to Some John: GOSPEL of GLORY, See SURPRISING GLIMPSES

This, (water to wine in Cana) the first of his miraculous signs, Jesus performed at Cana in Galilee. *He thus revealed his glory*, and his disciples put their faith in him.

John 2:11

Some were PRIVILEGED to see NANO-Second of HIS GLORY & BELIEVE

THESIS of John's Gospel > SUFFERING Servant was also GLORIOUS GOD

FAITHFUL Ones made this CONFESSION of Faith in Him:

We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.
John 1:14

c. Given Back > Pre-Incarnation Glory RESTORED to ASCENDED Jesus

vs. 1,5 "Father, the time has come. Glorify your Son, that your Son may glorify you...And *now, Father, glorify me* in your presence..."

Father Answered Son's Prayer: GLORIFIED God-Man REIGNS at Right Hand

SAME JOHN – Gospel Author – SAW the ANSWER:

...among the lampstands was someone "like a son of man," dressed in a robe reaching down to his feet and with a golden sash around his chest. His head and hair were white like wool, as white as snow, and his eyes were like blazing fire. His feet were like bronze glowing in a furnace, and his voice was like the sound of rushing waters. In his right hand he held seven stars, and out of his mouth came a sharp double-edged sword. His face was like the sun shining in all its brilliance. When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. Revelation 1:13-17

NOT Description for Police Artists Sketch / VISION of Glory – OT Glory in NT
Even the **FOLLICLES** of His HAIR RADIATE GLORY!

Jesus lives forever...Therefore he is able to save completely those who come to God through him, because *he always lives to intercede for them*. Such a high priest meets our need—one who is holy, blameless, pure, set apart from sinners, exalted above the heavens. Hebrews 7:24-26

John 17 LONGEST Prayer of Jesus: - LONGEST in 2 Ways...

1. Longest RECORDED Prayer of Jesus in Gospels
 2. Longest > IMPACT Still Felt TODAY – WE are SUBJECTS of this Prayer
- 11 NOW become INNUMERABLE, Followers of Jesus INTERNATIONAL
GLORY given to Jesus to PRAY FOR Us: v. 20 "I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message"

d. Given to Us > Amazing Reality – Sinners invited into Glory

vs. 10,22,24 "...glory has come to me through them...*I have given them the glory that you gave me*...Father, I want those you have given me to be with me where I am, and to see my glory"

Telling WHAT He SAID & DID > NOT Saying I UNDERSTAND This!?

How can SINFUL Vessels like US be FILLED with the GLORY of God?

REASON Heaven will be FOREVER – Too Short to GRASP Wonder of God

To glorify God is to make God BIG in the eyes of others. African Pastor

CONTEXT of Prayer > Jesus soon NAILED to Cross > Disciples SUFFER

FINAL Words of Teaching before PRAYER in Chapter 17

"I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world." John 16:33

Word WORLD is used 19 X's in chapter 17

WORLD HATES DISCIPLES > v. 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

World HATES Jesus > "If the world hates you, keep in mind that it hated me first" John 15:18

God LOVES the World > God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son... John 3:16

Glory of God > NOT ESCAPE from LIFE and DUTY of Serving Him

Glory of God > POWER to SERVE – INFILLING, ENCOURAGEMENT

Glory of God > RESPOND to Hatred and Murder with LOVE & Forgiveness

O LORD, how many are my foes! How many rise up against me! Many are saying of me, "God will not deliver him." But you are a shield around me, O LORD; you bestow glory on me and lift up my head. Psalm 3:1-3

2. Redemption by Grace

WHY does He pray NOW? Because He NEEDS TO! – FINAL Hours Ahead

"...You will leave me all alone. *Yet I am not alone, for my Father is with me.*" John 16:32

a. Sanctified Christ

v. 1 After Jesus said this, he looked toward heaven and prayed:

"Father, *the time has come...* > **Time important Theme of John's Gospel**

Jesus to Mary at Cana: 'Dear woman...*My time has not yet come.*' John 2:4
// Hey Mom, you and I need to be on the SAME PAGE

John's GOSPEL > Word TIME is Connected to CROSS > TIME TO DIE

no one laid a hand on him, *because his time had not yet come.* John 7.30

No one seized him, because his *time had not yet come.* John 8.20

Jesus: "The *hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified...* Now my heart is troubled, and what shall I say? 'Father, save me from this hour'? No, it was for this very reason I came to this hour. Father, glorify your name!" Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it, and will glorify it again"...He said this to show the kind of *death he was going to die.* John 12:23-33

Sanctified Christ > SET APART for Special PURPOSE = HOLY, Distinct

Auditorium became SANCTIFIED, HOLY Believers Entered > Jesus HERE!

BUS you Rode GET HERE was Sanctified > YOU as God's Holy One on Board

COMB you Used and SHOES on your FEET > SET APART for Service of God

v. 19 Jesus: "For them I sanctify myself, that they too may be truly sanctified."

Jesus SET HIMSELF Apart to SUFFER > to DIE that we might LIVE

Ch 17 John's Equivalent of GETHSEMANE Prayer > SWEAT drops of BLOOD

PRAYER for HIMSELF is Really to BENEFIT Others > Life GIVEN for Us

GLORY of Son brings LIFE to LOST Sinners > His GLORY = Our GOOD

When he (*Judas the betrayer*) was gone, Jesus said, "Now is the Son of Man glorified and God is glorified in him. If God is glorified in him, God will glorify the Son in himself, and will glorify him at once." John 13:31-32

NOW Glorified > FATE Sealed: BETRAYED – BEATEN – BORE our Sins

From the human point of view, Calvary was a revolting display of man's sin; but from the divine point of view, the cross revealed and magnified the grace and glory of God.

Warren Wiersbe

b. Sanctified Christians

vs. 2,3 For you granted him authority over all people that he might give eternal life to all those you have given him. Now *this is eternal life: that they may know you*, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent.

Jesus RULES over ALL People > He REDEEMS HIS Chosen People

AMAZING Thought / ASTOUNDING Privilege >> to KNOW God

SET APART from Dead & Dying WORLD to KNOW and LIVE in Living God

Receiving Eternal Life BEGINS Endless, Exhilarating JOURNEY with Him

Eternal life is not so much everlasting life as knowledge of the Everlasting One.

D.A. Carson

1) Reality: *In the World*

v. 15 My prayer is *not that you take them out of the world* but that you protect them from the evil one.

MEETING Jesus NOT Take Away your PIMPLES, PROBLEMS, or POT Belly

We LIVE Here in REAL World – TAXES, TRIALS, TEMPTATIONS

In this world you will have trouble.

John 16.33

Might NOT get your MANSION or your MERCEDES

But you WILL HAVE God's PROTECTION > God's POWER over Temptation

Jesus to Disciples: "I am sending you out like sheep among wolves." Matthew 10:16

Wolves DANGEROUS Animals > Teeth can RIP sheep's Throat Wide Open!

We are clearly not to isolate ourselves from the world. But we must never forget the world is a dangerous place. The only safeguard is the provision the Shepherd has made to be with us, and in us.

Ray Steadman

2) Identity: *Not of the World*

v. 16 *They are not of the world*, even as I am not of it.

Jesus to Unbelieving Religious Leaders: "You are from below; I am from above. You are of this world; *I am not of this world.*" John 8:23

He was REAL MAN – Born, Cried, Laughed, Bled, Died – FROM ABOVE

If you LOOK like World – Dress, Drink, Desires – You MAY be from BELOW

Sanctification is not instantly completed in us on the first day, but that we make progress in it through the whole course of our life, till at length God, having taken away from us the garment of the flesh, fills us with his righteousness.

John Calvin

3) Responsibility: *Sent Into the World*

IF World is going to HELL > Why DOES Jesus us LEAVE us HERE?

To ASK the QUESTION is to ANSWER It

v. 18 As you sent me into the world, *I have sent them into the world.*

Going to BETTER Place – We're HERE NOW – Point Way to Others

v. 17 Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth.

IF Want to KNOW a Sanctified CHRIST and BE a Sanctified CHRISTIAN

NEED Word of God: Word REVEALED in Jesus, Word WRITTEN in Scripture

ONE Faithful Servant of Gospel was Dietrich Bonhoeffer > Nazi Germany

Pastor who RESISTED Hitler – Barman Declaration – IMPRISONED

Days before HITLER Died he ORDERED Bonhoeffer be EXECUTED

Prison DOCTOR records his FINAL MOMENTS – April 9, 1945

On the morning of that day between five and six o'clock the prisoners...were taken from their cells, and the verdicts of the court martial read out to them. Through the half-open door in one room of the huts I saw Pastor Bonhoeffer, before taking off his prison garb, kneeling on the floor praying fervently to his God. I was most deeply moved by the way this lovable man prayed, so devout and so certain that God heard his prayer. At the place of execution, he again said

a short prayer and then climbed the steps to the gallows, brave and composed. His death ensued in a few seconds. In the almost fifty years that I worked as a doctor, I have never seen a man die so entirely submissive to the will of God.

Jesus: "If you want to be my DISCIPLE pick up YOUR CROSS, Follow Me"

"This is the end – for me the beginning of life" last words of Dietrich Bonhoeffer

3. Relationship of Gladness

a. Contentment

One of GREAT Themes of Gospel of John > FINISHED Work of Jesus

v. 4 I have brought you glory on earth by *completing the work* you gave me to do.

Disciples found Jesus with SAMARITAN Woman– Not NEED Take-Out PIZZA
 "My food," said Jesus, "is to do the will of him who sent me and to finish his work."
 John 4:34

CLIMACTIC Word of Jesus from CROSS: Jesus said, "It is finished." John 19:30

Because Jesus is GLORIFIED in Heaven, Sinners can be SAVED on Earth

The only thing we add to the plan of salvation is the sin to make it necessary.
 Eric Alexander

FINISHED His Work > Life was COMPLETE – In NO Sense INCOMPLETE

Never LEFT Palestine – Never SAW Alexandria, Athens, or ROME

Never MARRIED – Never had CHILD – Never experienced Middle Age, OLD!

NEVER MISSED Any of Those Things > FULL, FULFILLED, FRUITFUL

I trust in you, O LORD; I say, "You are my God." *My times are in your hands*
 Psalm 31.14,15

SPECIFIC Work for US – People to Know, Places to Go > Be FAITHFUL There

O Lord God, when you give your servants to endeavour any great matter, grant us also to know that it is not the beginning, but the continuing of the same to the end, until it be thoroughly finished, which yields true glory; through him who for the finishing of your work, laid down his life, our redeemer, Jesus Christ.

Sir Walter Raleigh

LIFE was COMPLETE even though he LIVED in a CAN!

You have made us for yourself and our hearts are restless till they rest in you.

Augustine

BEYOND this World we SEEK this WORLD'S LORD > Glory, Grace, Majesty

Q. 1. What is the chief end of man?

A. Man's chief end is to glorify God, and to enjoy him forever.

Westminster Shorter Catechism

b. Celebration

NOT an ESCAPE from Life & Reality > With God ENJOY ALL of LIFE

v. 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*.

Jesus had JOY BEFORE Him in PURCHASING our Salvation

NOW His DISCIPLES will Find JOY in PREACHING His Salvation

The seventy-two returned with joy and said, "Lord, even the demons submit to us in your name."

Luke 10:17

vs. 22,23 I have given them the glory that you gave me, *that they may be one as we are one*: I in them and you in me. May they be brought to complete unity to let the world know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me.

Astounding METAPHYSICS: One God – Three Persons / One Church – Billions

“I in them and you in me” > Jesus in US – Father God in God the Son

WORLD waits to SEE > Unity COMPELS World to BELIEVE

Fellowship is not only defined in terms of what we share *in* together. It also involves what we share *out* together...a community in which Christians actually share their thoughts and lives with one another. James Boice

Church > Manifest UNITY – Not Enough to be in SAME ROOM for Hour

Know Eachother – Share w/ One Another – Pray for One Another > Fellowship

Exclusive: Only Jesus can take us to Heaven

Inclusive: Only Jesus connects us on Earth

NARROW in our CONFESSION / WIDE in our ACCEPTANCE

Different: Politics, Passports, Faces, Figures, Preferences, Personalities> JESUS!

The presence of Jesus with His diverse disciples was the unifying factor – then and now. No Jesus, no unity. Yours Truly

c. Compassion

vs. 25,26 "Righteous Father, though the world does not know you, I know you, and they know that you have sent me. I have made you known to them, and will continue to make you known in order that the love you have for me may be in them and that I myself may be in them."

HEAVY Heart of our SAVIOR: Prayer REVELS in Sweet Fellowship w/ Father

BURDENED for this UNRIGHTEOUS World to Know Him who is Righteous

OH Righteous FATHER > How I LONG for this LOST World to KNOW You!

Was Surrounded by RELIGIONS: NO Roman, No Egyptian, No Babylonian

Perhaps NOT Even any Pharisee or Sadducee

TRULY Knew NATURE of God > GREAT and GRACIOUS / Living & Loving

Having PRAYED for the World: He'll NOW PURCHASE the World w/ Blood

Having loved his own who were in the world, he now showed them the full extent of his love. John 13:1

Prayer of Jesus > DECLARE Gospel AND DEMONSTRATE God's Love

THIS Amazing Love of Jesus > CHANGED and IS Changing the World

FOR this Love – People LEFT Homes and Families – Faced Great DANGERS

Built Schools – Hospitals – Orphanages – Libraries – Churches & Shelters

Work of SALVATION is FINISHED, Work of EVANGELIZATION UNfinished

True WORSHIP leads to WITNESS > True Worship IS WITNESS

HE is PRAYING FOR Us at THIS Time and ALL the TIME – Until Time ENDS

What marvelous love the Father has extended to us! Just look at it — we're called children of God! That's who we really are. 1 John 3:1 The Message

We who have RECEIVED this Marvelous Love should REVEAL it to the World

John 17

^{17:1} After Jesus said this, he looked toward heaven and prayed: "Father, the time 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 may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent. ⁴ I have brought you glory on earth by completing 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 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. ²⁰ "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.²² 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. May they be brought to complete unity to let the world know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me.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.²⁵ "Righteous Father, though the world does not know you, I know you, and they know that you have sent me.²⁶ I have made you known to them, and will continue to make you known in order that the love you have for me may be in them and that I myself may be in them."

1. In what sense did the cross bring glory to God the Son and God the Father (v. 1)? How is it the pinnacle of Jesus mission (vs. 4-5)?
2. Why is Jesus prayer for His disciples so vital to Gospel extension (vs. 6-12)?
3. How can the disciples possibly know joy amidst such adversity (vs. 13-19)?
4. Does our life in the ZGC community express Jesus prayer for unity (vs. 20-26)? What more could we do in this area?