



Consider How Jesus Prayed

John 17

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Introduction:

Prayer was a notable part of Christ's ministry while on earth. His disciples were so moved by how He prayed, they asked Him, Lord, teach us to pray." Likely the most touching prayer we have recorded was penned by John. Some call it Christ's High Priestly prayer. It is a prayer of intercession for His disciples both then and now. Tonight we will consider a few highlights from this prayer so that we might be strengthened in our own prayer lives.

Christ's Prayers

A Prayer of Thanksgiving — Matthew 11:25-26; also see Luke 10:21

Prayer at Lazarus' Grave — John 11:41-42

A Prayer When Troubled — John 12:27-28

Jesus' High Priestly Prayer — John 17:1-26

Christ's Struggle in the Garden — Matthew 26:36-46; also see Luke 22:39-46

The First Cry from the Cross — Luke 23:34

An Agonizing Cry from the Cross — Matthew 27:46; also see Mark 15:34

The Last Cry from the Cross — Luke 23:46

References to Prayer in Jesus' Life and Ministry

Prayer at Jesus' Baptism — Luke 3:21-22

Prayer in the desert — Mark 1:35; also see Luke 5:16

Prayer before selecting his disciples — Luke 6:12-13

Prayer before feeding the 5,000 — Matthew 14:19; also see Mark 6:41; Luke 9:16; John 6:11

Prayer alone on a mountain — Matthew 14:23, also see Mark 6:46

Prayer for a deaf mute — Mark 7:34

Prayer before feeding 4,000 — Matthew 15:36, also see Mark 8:6

Jesus Prayer Alone — Luke 9:18

Jesus transfigured while praying — Luke 9:28-29

Jesus prays for the children — Matthew 19:13-14, also see Mark 10:13-16

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God blessed at the Lord's Supper — Matthew 26:26–28, also see Mark 14:22–23, Luke 22:17–19

Jesus' prayer for Peter — Luke 22:31–32

Remembering Christ's Agony — Hebrews 5:7–8

One Prayer Christ Could Have Prayed but Didn't — Matthew 26:53

God blessed for food — Luke 24:30–31

Jesus Ascends to Heaven While Blessing Disciples — Luke 24:50–51

1. Jesus Prayed for _____ (1-5)

John 17:1–5 These words spake Jesus, and lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, Father, the hour is come; glorify thy Son, that thy Son also may glorify thee. 2 As thou hast given him power over all flesh, that he should give eternal life to as many as thou hast given him. 3 And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent. 4 I have glorified thee on the earth: I have finished the work which thou gavest me to do. 5 And now, O Father, glorify thou me with thine own self with the glory which I had with thee before the world was.

Philippians 1:20 According to my earnest expectation and my hope, that in nothing I shall be ashamed, but that with all boldness, as always, so now also Christ shall be magnified in my body, whether it be by life, or by death.

2 Timothy 4:7 I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith:

2. Jesus Prayed for His _____ (6-19)

John 17:6–19 I have manifested thy name unto the men which thou gavest me out of the world: thine they were, and thou gavest them me; and they have kept thy word. 7 Now they have known that all things whatsoever thou hast given me are of thee. 8 For I have given unto them the words which thou gavest me; and they have received them, and have known surely that I came out from thee, and they have believed that thou didst send me. 9 I pray for them: I pray not for the world, but for them which thou hast given me; for they are thine. 10 And all mine are thine, and thine are mine; and I am glorified in them. 11 And now I am no more in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to thee. Holy Father, keep through thine own name those whom thou hast given me, that they may be one, as we are. 12 While I was with them in the world, I kept them in

thy name: those that thou gavest me I have kept, and none of them is lost, but the son of perdition; that the scripture might be fulfilled. 13 And now come I to thee; and these things I speak in the world, that they might have my joy fulfilled in themselves. 14 I have given them thy word; and the world hath hated them, because they are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. 15 I pray not that thou shouldest take them out of the world, but that thou shouldest keep them from the evil. 16 They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. 17 Sanctify them through thy truth; thy word is truth. 18 As thou hast sent me into the world, even so have I also sent them into the world. 19 And for their sakes I sanctify myself, that they also might be sanctified through the truth.

I HAVE MADE KNOWN THY NAME (6)

Exodus 3:14 And God said unto Moses, I AM THAT I AM: and he said, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, I AM hath sent me unto you.

I HAVE GIVEN THY WORD (9)

KEEP THEM FROM EVIL (15)

Definition—Keep: to maintain in safety from injury, harm, or danger.

SANCTIFY THROUGH THY TRUTH (17)

Definition—Sanctify: to make as dedicated to God; either in becoming more distinct, devoted, or morally pure.

Ephesians 5:26 That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word,

I AM

I Am the Bread of Life

(John 6)

I Am the Light of the World

(John 8)

I Am the Gate of the Sheepfold

(John 10)

I Am the Good Shepherd

(John 10)

I Am the Resurrection and the Life

(John 11)

I Am the Way, Truth, and Life

(John 14)

I Am the True Vine

(John 15)

3. Jesus Prayed for His_____ (20-26)

John 17:20–26 Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word; 21 That they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me. 22 And the glory which thou gavest me I have

given them; that they may be one, even as we are one: 23 I in them, and thou in me, that they may be made perfect in one; and that the world may know that thou hast sent me, and hast loved them, as thou hast loved me. 24 Father, I will that they also, whom thou hast given me, be with me where I am; that they may behold my glory, which thou hast given me: for thou lovedst me before the foundation of the world. 25 O righteous Father, the world hath not known thee: but I have known thee, and these have known that thou hast sent me. 26 And I have declared unto them thy name, and will declare it: that the love wherewith thou hast loved me may be in them, and I in them.

THE CHURCH — all those that would believe on Him in the future through the disciples preaching. (20)

Jesus prayed that believers would be _____.

John 1:14 And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.

John 2:11 This beginning of miracles did Jesus in Cana of Galilee, and manifested forth his glory; and his disciples believed on him.

QUOTE: Unity comes from life within, not from pressure without.
—Wiersbe

Ephesians 4:15–16 But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ: 16 From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love.

Conclusion

Hebrews 7:25 Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them.



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