

John #67 – A Recap of John 17 Part 1 – 1-11-24

Psalm 115:16 - The highest heavens belong to the Lord, but the earth he has given to mankind.

Characteristic of Jesus Prayer Life found in the Gospel of Luke:

- 1) Prayer for Jesus formed a point of connection between Him and His Father in heaven through the presence of the Holy Spirit.
- 2) Prayer for Jesus was not just talking to God. It also involved hearing God's voice.
- 3) Jesus' prayer life was frequently carried out in private when He was separated from the crowds. Of course, His ministry was to the crowds. So, His private prayer life equipped and empowered Him for His public ministry.
- 4) Jesus prayed to receive insight and wisdom when faced with important decisions.
- 5) Jesus' prayer life showed His reverence and devotion to the Father.
- 6) Jesus' prayer life showed His dependence upon the Father.
- 7) Jesus' prayer life helped to form His Father's character in Him.
- 8) Jesus prayed to be strengthened for obedience to the Father's purpose and plan.

John 17:1-5

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.

John 13:1 - It was just before the Passover Festival. Jesus knew that the hour had come for him to leave this world and go to the Father.

John 14:12-14

¹² Very truly I tell you, whoever believes in me will do the works I have been doing, and they will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father. ¹³ And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴ You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it.

John 15:7-8

⁷ If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you.

⁸ This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.

John 17:20-23

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—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.

John 17:2-3

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.

John 17:14 - 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.

Hebrews 12:2 - For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

John 17:11b - 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.

John 17:14-15

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.

John 17:17-19

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.

Why did Jesus pray for His disciples:

- 1) He prayed for them out of His concern for the glory of God.
- 2) He prayed for them because they were the ones to whom He had revealed God and who were to be given the task of revealing God to others.
- 3) He prayed for them because of their calling to take the gospel to the world.
- 4) Now, the fourth reason why Jesus prayed for them was because of their circumstances. Their mission would be carried out in the midst of a world hostile to them and their calling.
- 5) He prayed so that His disciples would be filled and strengthened by His own joy.

What did Jesus pray for His disciples:

- 1) He prayed that they be one as He and the Father are one.
- 2) He prayed that they be protected from the evil one.
- 3) He prayed that they be sanctified.