



A Closer Look At Jesus: John ch.17

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

“Father, the hour has come. Glorify (honor or magnify) 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.

- What does Jesus mean in vs.5? Let’s look at Philippians 2:7-8, rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature^[a] of a servant, being made in human likeness. ⁸ And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death— even death on a cross!
- I now we’ve talked about this before but why is it so important that Jesus lived on earth as a man?

Jesus Prays for His Disciples

⁶ “I have revealed you^[a] 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^[b] 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^[c] that name you gave me. None has been lost except the one doomed to destruction so that Scripture would be fulfilled.

- Jesus prays at the end of vs.11 “so that they may be one as we are one.” Do you think Jesus’ prayers were answered? Do you believe that you can be one with God just as Jesus is?

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.

- When we act on the Word of God it separates us from the world and its ways. Just believing the Truth will not separate us from the world, but living it out will. One of the worst things you can do after you are born again is to still consider yourself to be human as we know humanity. We are not of this world because we are born of God. Becoming God-inside-minded is a great secret of success. This is the reason the world hates us. We are constant reminders of the difference between light and darkness. Why is it that so many Christians believe that Gods word is truth but so few are willing to act on it?

Jesus Prays for All Believers

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.

- If there’s one thing that the world doesn’t understand, it’s the love of God. Everything Jesus did was to show us Gods love for us. God demonstrated His love in Jesus, and He wants to demonstrate His love in us.

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^[e] 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.”

- The reason we can know God is because Jesus knew God. Without Jesus being a revelation of His Father’s love, we would be helpless. We have a duty to know God. The world will never know Him outside of what we represent. How do you represent God?

Challenge:

- Really look this week at how you represent God. If it’s not the way you would like to be than us God to help you.
- There will be hurting, lost people around you this week. Pray that God makes them stand out to you and then gives you the boldness to be the light in this world that they need. You may be the only Jesus they ever see.