

John 17

Recap: Passover is over, and the disciples' feet have been washed. Jesus has been giving His final words of comfort and admonition unto them. He now begins to pray the REAL "Lord's Prayer." This is also known as His "High-Priestly Prayer." This is a taste of Jesus' intercessory prayer for us, which He has been doing since the ascension. He is our advocate, He is our mediator, and He "ever liveth to make intercession for us!"

1 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:

The hour is come.

John 2:4 "Jesus saith unto her, *Woman, what have I to do with thee? mine hour is not yet come.*"

John 7:28–30 "Then cried Jesus in the temple as he taught, saying, *Ye both know me, and ye know whence I am: and I am not come of myself, but he that sent me is true, whom ye know not. 29 But I know him: for I am from him, and he hath sent me. 30 Then they sought to take him: but no man laid hands on him, because his hour was not yet come.*"

John 8:19–20 "Then said they unto him, *Where is thy Father? Jesus answered, Ye neither know me, nor my Father: if ye had known me, ye should have known my Father also. 20 These words spake Jesus in the treasury, as he taught in the temple: and no man laid hands on him; for his hour was not yet come.*"

John 12:23–28 "And Jesus answered them, saying, *The hour is come, that the Son of man should be glorified. 24 Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone: but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit. 25 He that loveth his life shall lose it; and he that hateth his life in this world shall keep it unto life eternal. 26 If any man serve me, let him follow me; and where I am, there shall also my servant be: if any man serve me, him will my Father honour. 27 Now is my soul troubled; and what shall I say? Father, save me from this hour: but for this cause came I unto this hour. 28 Father, glorify thy name. Then came there a voice from heaven, saying, I have both glorified it, and will glorify it again.*"

John 13:1 "Now before the feast of the passover, when Jesus knew that his hour was come that he should depart out of this world unto the Father, having loved his own which were in the world, he loved them unto the end."

John 16:29–32 "His disciples said unto him, *Lo, now speakest thou plainly, and speakest no proverb. 30 Now are we sure that thou knowest all things, and needest not that any man should ask thee: by this we believe that thou camest forth from God. 31 Jesus answered them, Do ye now believe? 32 Behold, the hour cometh, yea, is now come, that ye shall be scattered, every man to his own, and shall leave me alone: and yet I am not alone, because the Father is with me.*"

2 As thou hast given him power over all flesh, that he should give eternal life to as many as thou hast given him.

What is meant by "those the Father has given?"

John 6:37–40, 44 "All that the Father giveth me shall come to me; and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out. 38 For I came down from heaven, not to do mine own will, but the will of him that sent me. 39 And this is the Father's will which hath sent me, that of all which he hath given me I should lose nothing, but should raise it up again at the last day. 40 **And this is the will of him that sent me, that every one which seeth the Son, and believeth on him, may have everlasting life: and I will raise him up at the last day. 44 No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him: and I will raise him up at the last day.**"

The Father hasn't chosen people, saved them by His sovereign decree, and then given them to Jesus.

THOSE WHO BELIEVE ARE GIVEN TO JESUS BY THE FATHER. (Jn 6:40)

Jesus said in John 12 that He would draw all men unto Himself. The Bible also says that all men would be given light. (John 1:9) Jesus also taught in John 16 that the Holy Spirit would convict the world of their sin, and of God's righteousness and judgement.

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.

This is eternal life! The only way that we can have eternal life and know the One True God, is through His Son, Jesus the Messiah – Who is God in human flesh!

John 3:16, John 5:24, John 14:6

“I have finished the work” – In Jesus’ eyes, His death is already as good as accomplished. We have already seen in John 12:27, His prayer in His humanity to the Father to deliver Him from this hour, but then He says “but for this cause, came I unto this hour.”

In the next chapter we will see a similar prayer in the other gospels, after which Jesus says to Peter, **“the cup which my Father hath given me, shall I not drink it?” Jesus was determined to go to the cross for us!**

Hebrews 12:2 Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.

5 And now, O Father, glorify thou me with thine own self with the glory which I had with thee before the world was.

God the Son is eternal! Micah 5:2, Psalm 2, Proverbs 30, Isaiah 9:6, Daniel 3, Daniel 7

Philippians 2:6–11 *“Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: 7 But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: 8 And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross. 9 Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: 10 That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; 11 And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.”*

6 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.

Jesus has done and spoken ONLY what the Father desired. John 8:21-30; John 15:7-10

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.

“Unity” is NOT a dirty word. This is what Jesus prayed that His followers would have! He IS talking about His disciples here, but later we will see that this applies to us as well!

I am not saying we should unite in error, or compromise doctrine – but we SHOULD seek to be unified with believers of like faith and practice!

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.

John 13:2 **And supper being ended, the devil having now put into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon’s son, to betray him;**

Few people have come to a point in their lives where they knew that they had less than 24 hours to live. Jesus knew everything. He knew Judas would betray Him from the moment that He made him an apostle.

In John 6:63-64,70-71 Jesus said *“It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life. But there are some of you that believe not. For Jesus knew from the beginning who they were that believed not, and who should betray him. ...Have not I chosen you twelve, and one of you is a devil? He spake of Judas Iscariot the son of Simon: for he it was that should betray him, being one of the twelve.”*

And in John 17:12 Jesus prays to the Father, "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."

SO WHAT'S THE DEAL WITH JUDAS?

- 1. He was a lost unbeliever** (Jn 6:64;17:12)
- 2. He was chosen by Jesus to be one of the 12** (Jn 6:70, Luke 6:13-16)
- 3. He was the treasurer** (Jn 12:6)
- 4. He was possibly one of the Sicarii** (a splinter group of the Jewish Zealots who, in the decades preceding Jerusalem's destruction in 70 AD, strongly opposed the Roman occupation of Judea and attempted to expel them and their sympathizers from the area. The Sicarii carried sicae, or small daggers, concealed in their cloaks. At public gatherings, they pulled out these daggers to attack Romans and Hebrew Roman sympathizers alike, blending into the crowd after the deed to escape detection. The Sicarii are regarded as one of the earliest known organized assassination units of cloak and daggers, predating the Islamic Hashishin and Japanese ninja by centuries. The Spanish term "sicario" used in contemporary Latin America is synonymous with a hitman working for one of the various drug cartels, derives from sicarii. This is also explained in the opening of the 2015 film Sicario.) - <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sicarii>
- 5. He was a thief** (Jn 12:6) He was actually stealing money from the bag.
- 6. No one suspected him** (Matthew was previously a tax collector, and yet he was not chosen to be the treasurer – Judas was. Judas had a facade of impeccable character. (Jn 13:22,28,29)
- 7. He had a choice!** This is where MacArthur gets it all wrong. In reference to what to what Judas was about to do, he states "He had to do it. He had no choice. Sovereign God." Judas was a wicked sinful lost man, who was chosen by Jesus according to his foreknowledge of what Judas would do!

13 And now come I to thee; and these things I speak in the world, that they might have my joy fulfilled in themselves.

John 15:11; 16:20-24

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.

We are not of this world! Don't get attached! Don't mess with sin! Stay in God's Word!

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.

20 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.

Jesus prayed for all TRUE believers to have unity in Him! He prayed for you!!

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.