

Lesson 24

Jesus Prays For His Own, Part I

John 17:1-26

1. We can break this chapter into three parts as Jesus prays for three sets of people. Write down for whom Jesus prays in each section. Use these divisions for questions 1-3.
2. What does He say about that person or those people?
3. What does He ask the Father to do for that person or those people?
4. Give all the verses in this chapter that repeat the thought that the believer is God's gift to Jesus.
5. "World" is used 19 times. List four facts about the world as a place:

A. John 17:5, 24

5 Now glorify me, Father, with you, with the glory that I had with you before the world began.

24 Father, they are your gift to me. I wish that where I am they also may be with me, that they may see my glory that you gave me, because you loved me before the foundation of the world.

B. John 17:12, 13, 18

12 When I was with them I protected them in your name that you gave me, and I guarded them, and none of them was lost except the son of destruction, in order that the scripture might be fulfilled.

13 But now I am coming to you. I speak this in the world so that they may share my joy completely.

18 As you sent me into the world, so I sent them into the world.

C. John 17:11

11 And now I will no longer be in the world, but they are in the world, while I am coming to you. Holy Father, keep them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one just as we are.

D. John 17:15,18

11 And now I will no longer be in the world, but they are in the world, while I am coming to you. Holy Father, keep them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one just as we are.

15 I do not ask that you take them out of the world but that you keep them from the evil one.

18 As you sent me into the world, so I sent them into the world.

6. Give the teachings about the “world” as a society.

A. John 17:9

9 I pray for them. I do not pray for the world but for the ones you have given me, because they are yours,

B. John 17:6,9

6 "I revealed your name to those whom you gave me out of the world. They belonged to you, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word.

9 I pray for them. I do not pray for the world but for the ones you have given me, because they are yours,

C. John 17:14, 16

14 I gave them your word, and the world hated them, because they do not belong to the world any more than I belong to the world.

16 They do not belong to the world any more than I belong to the world.

D. John 17:18

18 As you sent me into the world, so I sent them into the world.

E. John 17:21

21 so that they may all be one, as you, Father, are in me and I in you, that they also may be in us, that the world may believe that you sent me.

F. John 17:23

23 I in them and you in me, that they may be brought to perfection as one, that the world may know that you sent me, and that you loved them even as you loved me.

G. John 17:25

25 Righteous Father, the world also does not know you, but I know you, and they know that you sent me.

7. Try to find seven or eight things concerning Jesus Himself that He says He gives to His own. (example: vs.13, His joy)

8. When Jesus asked God to glorify Him because “the hour” had come (vs. 1), what do you think He wanted God to do for Him?

1 When Jesus had said this, he raised his eyes to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come. Give glory to your son, so that your son may glorify you,

9. Give different aspects of the importance of knowing Jesus:

A. Matthew 7:23

23 Then I will declare to them solemnly, 'I never knew you. Depart from me, you evildoers.'

B. John 10:14

14 I am the good shepherd, and I know mine and mine know me,

C. John 10:27-29

27 My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me.

28 I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish. No one can take them out of my hand.

29 My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one can take them out of the Father's hand.

D. 2 Timothy.2:19

19 Nevertheless, God's solid foundation stands, bearing this inscription, "The Lord knows those who are his"; and, "Let everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord avoid evil."

10. Try to describe the glory Jesus had with God before the world was, from:

A. John 1:1-3

1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

2 He was in the beginning with God.

3 All things came to be through him, and without him nothing came to be.

B. Phillip. 2:6

6 Who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God something to be grasped.

C. Colossians 1:15-17

15 He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation.

16 For in him were created all things in heaven and on earth, the visible and the invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers; all things were created through him and for him.

17 He is before all things, and in him all things hold together.

D. Hebrews 1:1-3

**1 In times past, God spoke in partial and various ways to our ancestors through the prophets;
2 in these last days, he spoke to us through a son, whom he made heir of all things and through whom he created the universe,
3 who is the refulgence of his glory, the very imprint of his being, and who sustains all things by his mighty word. When he had accomplished purification from sins, he took his seat at the right hand of the Majesty on high,**

10. *Challenge Question:* Can you think of an important difference between that former glory which Jesus had before His incarnation, and the additional glory God gave to Jesus after His ascension.