

# THE WORD BECAME FLESH

The Book of John

Lesson 19

## Christ Intercedes with His Father

John 17

### REFLECTION

Review John 15:26, 27 and John 16. How does the Holy Spirit comfort and strengthen you? Prayerfully thank the Lord for the Helper, the Spirit of Truth, and His continuing work in your life.

### FOCUS VERSE

*And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent (John 17:3).*

### SECTION 1 – Jesus Prays for Himself

In John 17, we are invited into an intimate moment of prayer between Jesus and His Father just before His crucifixion. Some commentators call this chapter the Holy of Holies of the Bible. Prayerfully and meditatively enter into this chapter asking the Spirit of Truth, the Helper, to open your eyes and ears to draw you closer to Jesus the Son of God.

Read John 17:1-5.

1. As Jesus began His prayer, what did He do (vs. 1)? \_\_\_\_\_

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What was Jesus' request of His Father? \_\_\_\_\_<sup>1</sup>

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### LOOK DEEPER

What *hour* was finally coming to pass?

Matthew 26:45 \_\_\_\_\_

John 13:1 \_\_\_\_\_

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<sup>1</sup> glorify Your Son: to honor; magnify; to make glorious. In the cross, Jesus would be glorified as the Son of God who takes away the sin of the world, and the love and justice of the Father would be revealed.

2. What did Jesus say the Father had given to Him and for what reason (John 17:2)? \_\_\_\_\_

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3. What is eternal life (vs. 3)? \_\_\_\_\_ <sup>2</sup>

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### PERSONAL

What does *eternal life* mean to you? \_\_\_\_\_

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### LOOK DEEPER

Why is it important to *know* Jesus intimately?

Matthew 7:21-23 \_\_\_\_\_

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Matthew 25:1-13 \_\_\_\_\_ <sup>3</sup>

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John 10:11-15 \_\_\_\_\_

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John 10:25-29 \_\_\_\_\_

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2 Timothy 2:19 \_\_\_\_\_

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### PERSONAL

What is the difference between knowing *of* Jesus and knowing Jesus *intimately*? \_\_\_\_\_

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<sup>2</sup> know: to keep on knowing; to have a continuing and growing knowledge of the only true God.

<sup>3</sup> the Bridegroom: the Lord Jesus Christ who is coming for His Bride, the church (Revelations 19:7-9).

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4. What does Jesus say He has done (vs. 4)? \_\_\_\_\_

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5. What glory does Jesus long for (vs. 5)? \_\_\_\_\_

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6. What was His final and triumphant cry from the cross (John 19:30)? \_\_\_\_\_

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### PERSONAL

What do you learn from Jesus finishing the work He was sent to do? \_\_\_\_\_

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How are you finishing the work that God has entrusted into your care? \_\_\_\_\_

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Who will be glorified through the finished work? \_\_\_\_\_

6. Reread John 17:1-5. What has Jesus repeatedly asked the Father to do for Him? \_\_\_\_\_

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7. How did the Father glorify Jesus after His death and resurrection (Philippians 2:5-11)? \_\_\_\_\_

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### LOOK DEEPER

Describe the glory Jesus had with the Father before the world was:

John 1: 1-4, 14 \_\_\_\_\_

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Colossians 1:15-18 \_\_\_\_\_

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Hebrews 1:1-4 \_\_\_\_\_

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How did the Father exalt the Son after He purged our sins? \_\_\_\_\_

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## SECTION 2 – Jesus Prays for His Disciples

Read John 17:6-19.

1. What did Jesus manifest to His disciples (vs. 6)? \_\_\_\_\_

How did these men come to Jesus? \_\_\_\_\_

What did they keep? \_\_\_\_\_

2. What did the disciples know (vs. 7)? \_\_\_\_\_

3. What did Jesus give to His disciples and where did it come from (vs. 8)? \_\_\_\_\_

Having received this gift, what did it cause the disciples to do? \_\_\_\_\_

What was the response from the world (John 17:14)? \_\_\_\_\_

4. What is Jesus doing exclusively for His disciples (vs. 9, 10)? \_\_\_\_\_

Who did these men belong to? \_\_\_\_\_

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<sup>4</sup> express image: exact representation or character; He is God Himself.

<sup>5</sup> purged: cleansed; purified; the Son came not to display His splendor but to take away our sins.

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How does, *all Mine are Yours and Yours are Mine, and I am glorified in them*, minister to you?

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5. Where does Jesus know He is going and what is His concern (vs. 11)? \_\_\_\_\_

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What is His request? \_\_\_\_\_

6. How did Jesus keep those whom the Father gave Him (vs. 12, 13)? \_\_\_\_\_

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According to the Scriptures, who chose to be lost<sup>6</sup>? \_\_\_\_\_

What did Jesus ask the Father to fulfill in His disciples? \_\_\_\_\_

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7. Jesus prayed for protection of His own. What did He pray (vs. 15, 16)? \_\_\_\_\_

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PERSONAL

How does this bring you comfort? \_\_\_\_\_

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8. On behalf of His disciples, what does Jesus ask of the Father<sup>7</sup> (vs. 17)? \_\_\_\_\_

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How does Jesus describe His Word? \_\_\_\_\_

9. What did Jesus send the disciples to do that the Father sent Him to do (vs. 18)? \_\_\_\_\_

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<sup>6</sup> Son of perdition: Judas, who betrayed Christ when Satan entered him (John 6:64-71, 13:11).

<sup>7</sup> Father: God the Father, first Person of the Godhead.

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10. What did Jesus again, pray for the disciples (vs. 19)? \_\_\_\_\_ 8

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What was Jesus set apart to do? \_\_\_\_\_

### LOOK DEEPER

What do you learn from the following Scriptures about being sanctified (set-apart, holy and blameless)?

Deuteronomy 7:6 \_\_\_\_\_

Ephesians 4:23, 24 \_\_\_\_\_

Ephesians 4:30 \_\_\_\_\_

I Thessalonians 3:12 \_\_\_\_\_

I Peter 1:22, 23 \_\_\_\_\_

Jude 24 \_\_\_\_\_

### PERSONAL

What do you need to do that you might be sanctified for service to God? \_\_\_\_\_

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<sup>8</sup> sanctify: to be set apart; sealed for holiness and blameless for service.

### SECTION 3 – Jesus Prays for all Believers

Read John 17:20-26.

1. Who else did Jesus pray for (vs. 20)? \_\_\_\_\_

#### PERSONAL

Jesus prayed for you! What does that mean to you? \_\_\_\_\_

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2. What is the main emphasis of Jesus prayer for future believers (vs. 21-23)? \_\_\_\_\_

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List the reasons Jesus prayed that the believer be one with God. \_\_\_\_\_

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#### PERSONAL

Why is oneness with God important in the Church? \_\_\_\_\_

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3. What is Jesus' desire for all believers (John 17:24)? \_\_\_\_\_

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4. How does Jesus address His Father (vs. 25)? \_\_\_\_\_

What will Jesus declare to future believers? Why (vs. 26)? \_\_\_\_\_

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5. Reread all of John 17. List the verses that speak of the believer as the Father's gift to Jesus. What joy do you receive from thinking of yourself as a gift to Jesus?

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*Father, I desire that they also whom You gave Me  
may be with Me where I am,  
that they may behold My glory  
which you have given Me  
before the foundation of the world.  
John 17:24*

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