



Jesus Is Praying For Us (part 1)

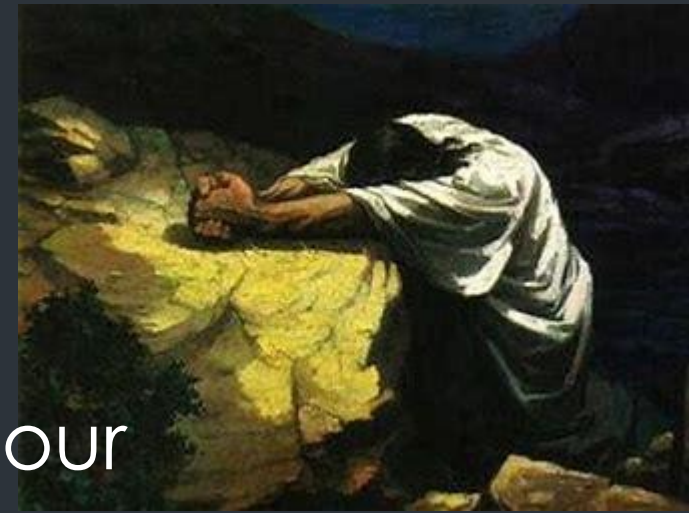
John 17

The Lord's Prayer



- This is truly the **Lord's Prayer**. The other Lord's Prayer should be called "the Disciple's Prayer" (I know that will never happen of course 😊).
- The Lord was praying for His **disciples** on that evening. But we were in His heart and mind too. He was praying for all of us in His Church.
- Jesus is still praying for us **today**. (Romans 8:34)
- (1 John 2:1-2; Heb. 9:24) He is our **advocate** that is still **interceding** for us on our behalf.

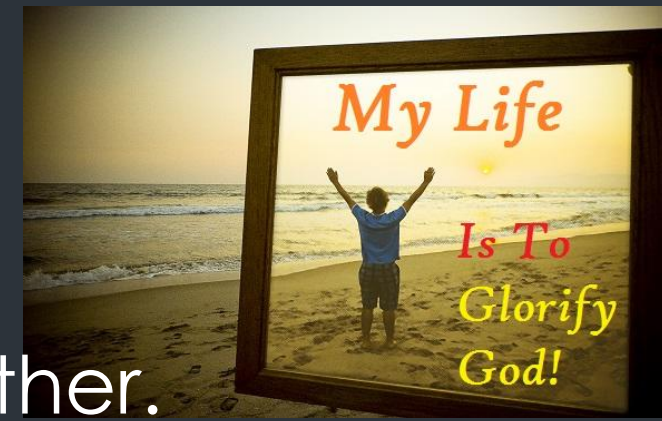
He was Thinking of Us



- ▶ (Heb. 4:14-15) He **sympathizes** with our weaknesses, **understands** our every need.
- ▶ God **always** answers His Son's prayers. (John 16:23)
- ▶ In His darkest hour He was **thinking** of us more than his own suffering that was about to come.
- ▶ Through this prayer we can have a deeper understanding of what the Lord's mission is and how He deeply cares for us.

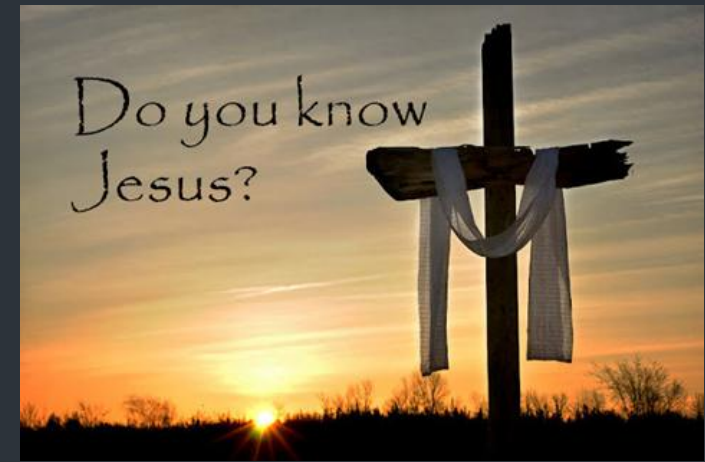
The Mission of Jesus

- First, Jesus focused on glorifying His Father. (v.1)—They glorified each other from the beginning (v. 4-5; Phil. 2:9-11)
- This is not about pride or modesty, rather the best thing for God to do is to show us His glory and perfection to draw us closer to Him. (1 Peter 1:21)
- We are called to be **like** Jesus (Eph. 5:1) therefore we are also called to glorify God. (Psalm 86:12; 1 Cor. 6:20; 10:31)



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- Second, Jesus focused on giving us eternal life (v.2-3)—This is John's theme. (John 20:3-31) (Life in Jesus, 14:6)
- It is God's desire to give us life (John 3:16-17) rather than to condemn the world.
- The key is about "**knowing**" Jesus. (1 John 5:11, 20; 4:5-8) Do you know Jesus? (I am not asking do you know "of" Him)



- The third mission of Jesus was to give us His Word (6-8)
- Jesus says the disciples (including us) were **following** His word...God counts our works and has forgiven all our sins. (Isa. 43:25; Psalm 103:12; Rom. 8:1)
- However, can you say that you are following His word?
- (v.8) There is a direct connection between **receiving, knowing, believing, and following.**
- Have you truly received God's word as "God's word"? If you only treat it as a good guide or some nice suggestion, it will never "set you free." (8:11-12)

Jesus is Still Praying for You

- ▶ Jesus is still thinking and praying for you today.
- ▶ He knows your every need and sympathizes with your every pain.
- ▶ Jesus **glorifies** His Father, what about you?
- ▶ Do you really **know** Jesus as a person?
- ▶ Have you **received** the Bible as the word of God?
- ▶ Let us continue to study Jesus' prayer next week.