

# Sermon Outline

## WOULDN'T YOU LIKE TO KNOW WHAT JESUS PRAYS FOR?

Bible Readings: John 17:1-26 | Geoff Lin

### 1. What Jesus prays for Himself (vv1-5)

"The hour has come ..." (v1)

Jn 2:4 "Woman, why do you involve me?" Jesus replied. "My **hour** has not yet come."

Jn 8:20 He spoke these words while teaching in the temple courts near the place where the offerings were put. Yet no one seized him, because his **hour** had not yet come.

Jn 13:1 It was just before the Passover Festival. Jesus knew that the **hour** had come for him to leave this world and go to the Father.

*Jn 17:1 After Jesus said this, he looked toward heaven and prayed:*

*"Father, the hour has come. **Glorify 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.*

Jn 3:16 For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

Jn 14:6 Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

- "eternal life" = knowing the Father (the only true God) and Jesus Christ

Jn 10:11 "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.

Jn 1:14 The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

### 2. What Jesus prays for His first disciples (vv6-19)

Jn 16:32 A time [lit. "hour"] is coming and in fact has come when you will be scattered, each to your own home. You will leave me all alone.

i. "Holy Father, protect them by the power of your name, the name you gave me, so that they may be one as we are one." (Jn 17:11)

- from "share in Jesus' glory" to "share in Jesus' joy"

ii. "My prayer is not that you take them out of the world but that you protect them from the evil one." (Jn 17:15)

- "Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth" (Jn 17:17)

- "You belong to your father, the devil, and you want to carry out your father's desires. He was a murderer from the beginning, not holding to the truth, for there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks his native language, for he is a liar and the father of lies." (Jn 8:44)

- the way to be sanctified is not to withdraw from the world but to be transformed by God's Word

- memory verses?

### 3. What Jesus prays for all believers everywhere (vv20-25)

i. (vv20-23) that we might be one (as the Father and Son are one)

- not "unity at all costs" but "unity in the truth"

- unity ≠ uniformity; one ≠ identical/monochrome

- Christian unity always calls for self-sacrifice

ii. (v24) that we might be with Jesus and see His glory

iii. (vv25-26) that the Father's love for the Son might be in us (and that Jesus Himself might be in us)

- Deep Dive (Thu 21/3): "The Work of the Holy Spirit"

Q. What could motivate you to pray the way Jesus prayed?