

The High Priestly Prayer of Jesus: John 17:1-5 (Part One)

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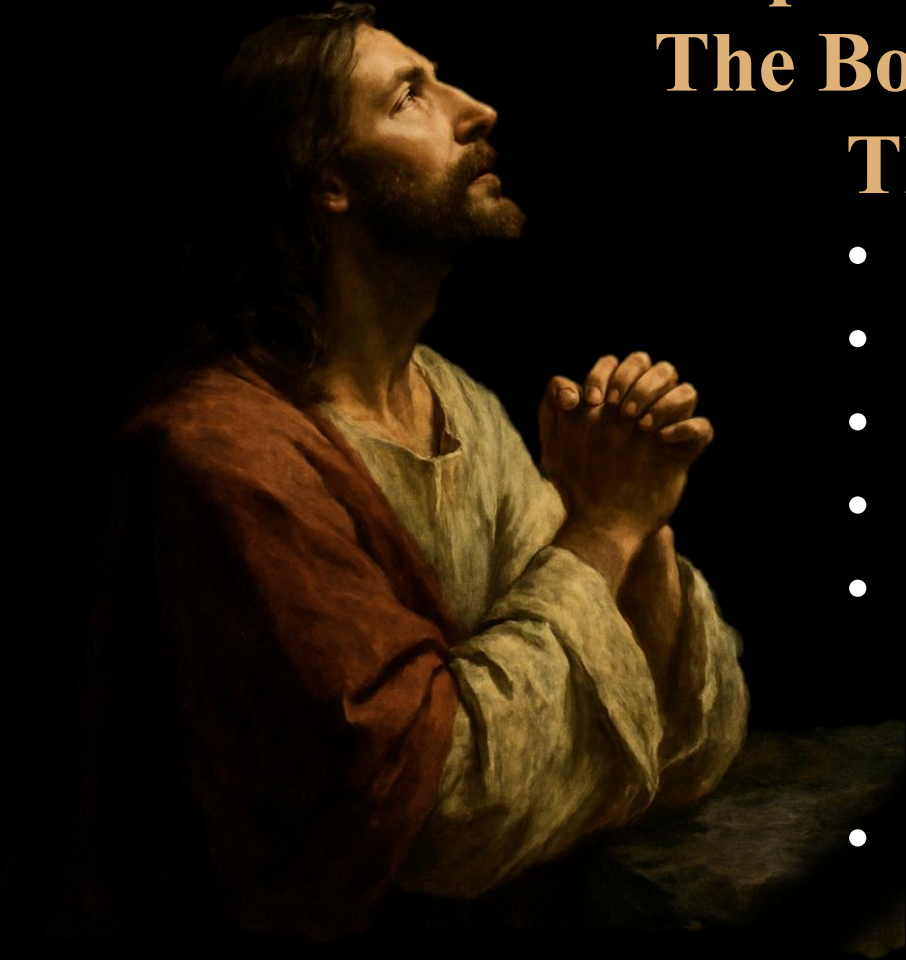
Review

The Gospel According to John

The Book of Glory (12-21)

The Farewell Discourse (13-17)

- Ethic of Love (13)
- The Perichoretic Nature of the Trinity (14)
- Abiding in the Vine (15:1-17)
- The World's [Kosmos] Hatred (15:18-25)
- Your Hour Is Coming
 - Enduring Persecution With Our Holy Spirit
15:26-16:15
- The Hour [Passion] of Jesus Prepares the Way to the Father via the Holy Spirit.



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- **632 Words**
- **The Longest Recorded Prayer of Jesus**
- **Not the longest prayer of Jesus.**
- **This is literally the Lord's Prayer.**
- **The "Lord's Prayer" is actually "Disciples' Prayer."**
- **Jesus is interceding as the High Priest to the Father.**

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Outline

- **Jesus Prays for Himself**
(John 17:1-5)
- **Jesus Prays for the Disciples**
(John 17:6-19)
- **Jesus Prays for You**
(John 17:20-26)



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Why Does Jesus Need to Pray if He is God?

- **Mystery**
- **Jesus has been “praying” with the Father for all Eternity (and so has Holy Spirit).**
- **God praying to God.**
 - **God from God, Light from Light,**
 - **true God from true God,**
 - **begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father (Nicene Creed)**
- **Triune Inner-relationality of the Godhead**
 - **Perichoresis—The Eternal Triune Beautiful Dance**



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The Day of Preparation (Early Friday Morning)

- The Passover Lambs are inspected
- The High Priest Intercedes For the People
- The Lambs are Sacrificed
- Their Blood is Sprinkled on the Altar



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After saying all these things, Jesus looked up to heaven and said, “Father, **the *hour* has come...**” (John 17:1a)

- The Wedding in Cana

“**My *hour* has not yet come.**” (John 2:4)

- The Woman at the Well

“Believe me dear woman...**the [*hour*] is coming**—indeed it is here now—when true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and in truth.” (John 4:21-23)

- Jesus Before the Jewish Leaders

“And I assure you that **the [*hour*] is coming**, indeed it’s here now, when the dead will hear my voice—the voice of the Son of God. And those who listen will live.” (John 5:25)



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- Jesus’ Reason for Avoiding the Festival

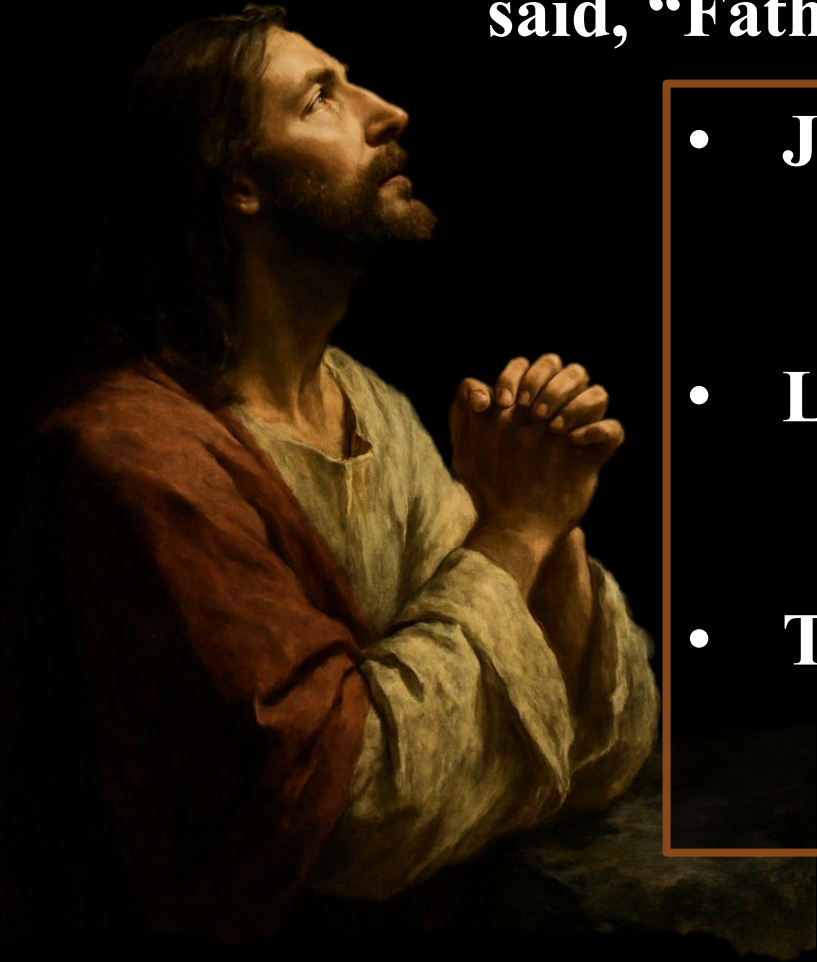
“You go on. I’m not going to this festival because **my *[hour]* has not yet come.**” (John 7:6)

- Leaders Attempt to Arrest Jesus

“...but no one laid a hand on him, because **his *[hour]* had not yet come.**” (John 7:30)


- Teaching in the Treasury

“No one laid a hand on Him, because **His *hour* had not yet come.**” (John 8:20)



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- Jesus at Bethany
“**The hour has come** for the Son of Man to be glorified.” (John 12:23) Now my soul is troubled. And what shall I say? Father save me from **this hour**? No, it is for this reason **I came to this hour.**” (John 12:27)
 - At the Passover Feast
“Jesus knew that **his hour had come...**” (John 13:1)
 - Your Hour is Coming
“The **hour is coming** when whoever kills you will think he is offering a service to God.” (John 16:32)

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Glorify your *Son* so he can give **glory** back to *You*. (**John 17:1b**)

Glory = **LIGHT** Reflected

- God from God, Light from Light (Nicene Creed)
- Jesus, as the Son of God, shares in his Father's Glory.
- God's Glory is revealed in the cross.
 - "I and the Father are one." **Jn 10:30**
 - "If you have seen me, you have seen the Father." **Jn 14:9**
 - "[Jesus] is the image of the invisible God." **Col 1:15**
 - Glory = The Heart of the Father

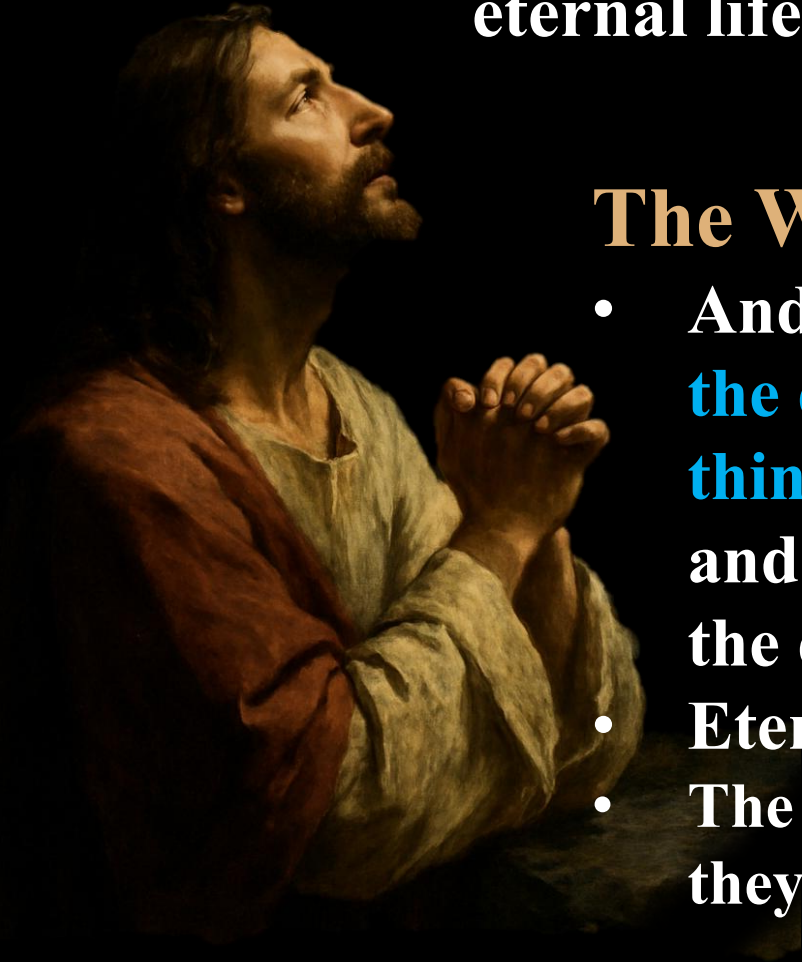


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“For you have given him authority over everyone. He gives eternal life to each one you have given him.” (John 17:2)

The Work of The Cross Defeats the World Order

- And I heard every created thing which is *in heaven*, or *on the earth*, or *under the earth*, or *on the sea*, and *all the things in them*, saying, “To Him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be the blessing , the honor, the glory, and the dominion forever and ever.” (Rev 5:13)
- Eternal Life = Both Quality and Quantity of Life.
- The Thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it *abundantly*. (Jn 10:10)

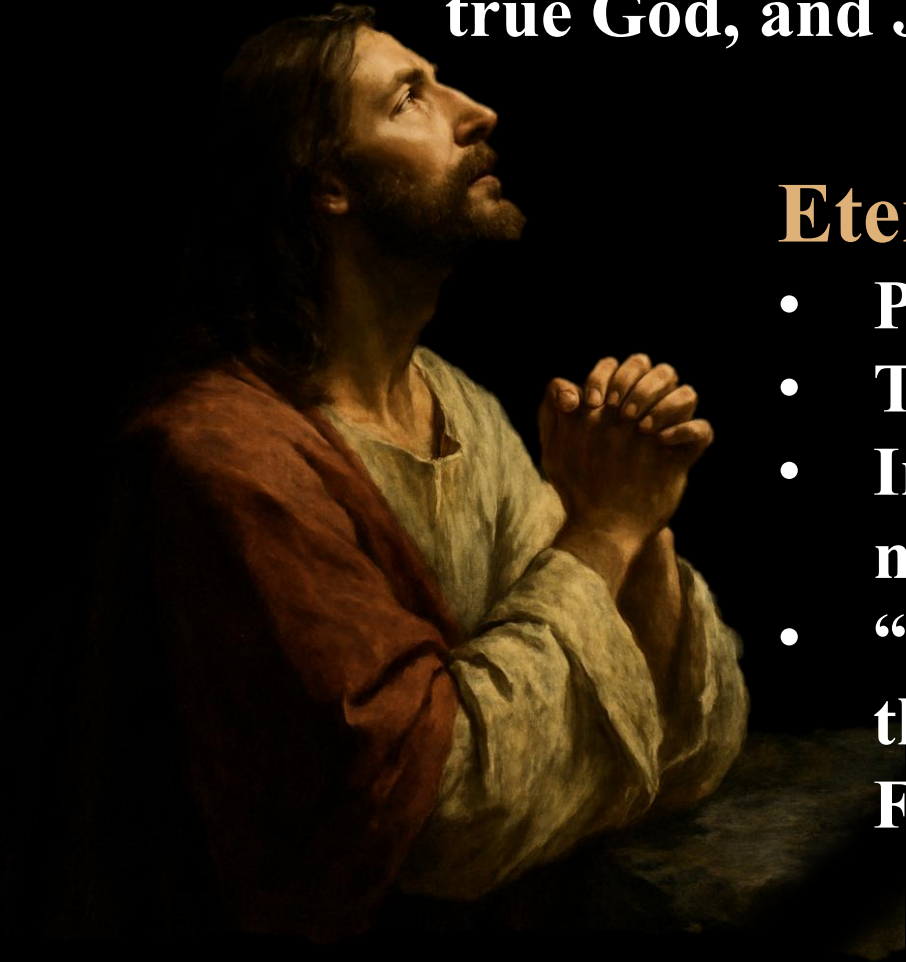


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“And this is *the way* to have eternal life—to know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, the one you sent to earth.” (John 17:3)

Eternal Life = Knowing God

- Personal Relationship
- Triune: Know the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.
- Invitation: “Come and see.” (Jn 1:39) “Come, follow me.” (Jn 1:43)
- “How can we know the way?” Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.” (Jn 14:5, 6)

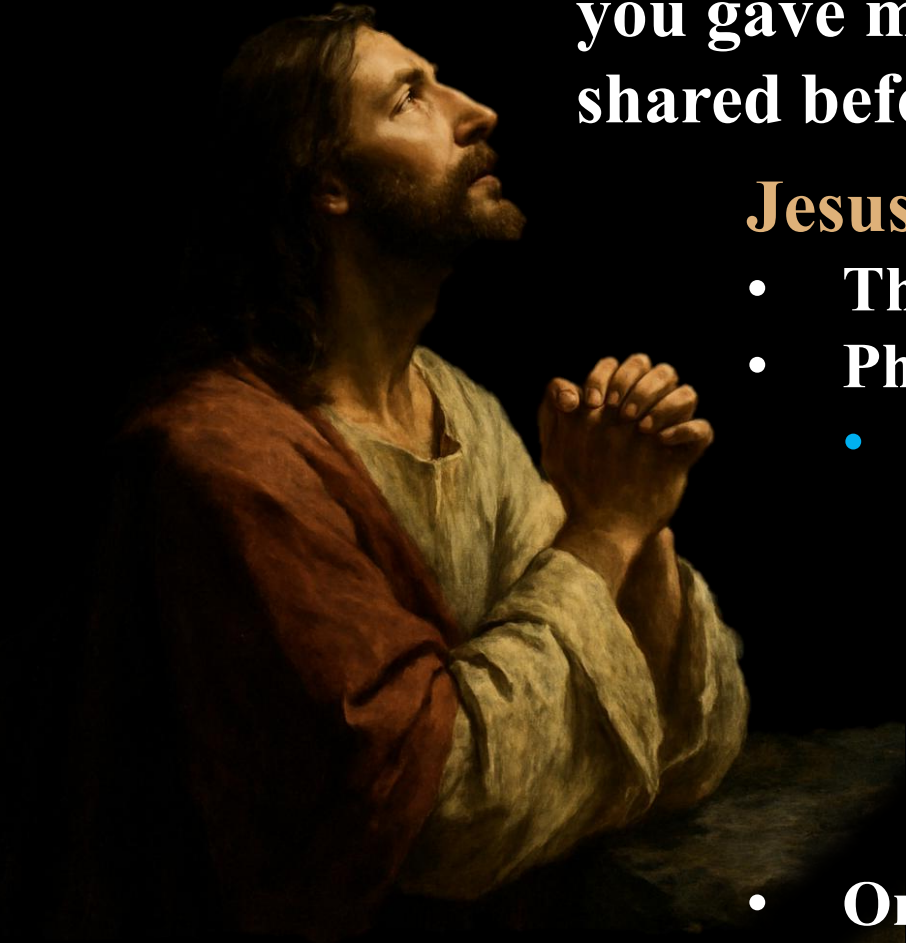


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“I brought glory to you here on earth by completing the work you gave me to do. Now, Father, bring me into the glory we shared before the world began.” (John 17:4-5)

Jesus Prays For Reunification With the Father

- The Cross is the Path to the Father
- Philippians 2 Illustration
 - **“Though he was God, he did not think of equality with God as something to cling to. Instead, he gave up his divine privileges; he took the humble position of a slave and was born as a human being. When he appeared in human form, he humbled himself in obedience to God and died a criminal’s death on a cross.” (2:6-9)**
- Omnipresence vs. God’s Throne (Mystery)
- Stephen’s Vision (Acts 7): Jesus Standing Next to Father God



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Christ Our Example

1. **Glorifying God by Picking Up Our Cross *Daily***
(Luke 9:23) Daily Repentance and Surrender

2. **Seek Deeper Intimacy with God**
(Pray Like Jesus Prayed)

3. **Pray for the Lost to Know God—Father, Son,
and Spirit**

4. **Trusting the Work of the Cross**

“I am sure that God who began the good work in you
will keep on working in you until the day Jesus Christ
comes again.” (Philippians 1:6)

