

LISTEN, JESUS IS PRAYING

John 17:1-19

FROM PASTOR MARK

This Palm Sunday, as we enter “Passion Week,” consider what was on Jesus’ mind as He prayed less than 12 hours from when He would hang on the cross. This is the only recorded prayer of Jesus that we have of any length. It is the true Lord’s Prayer. What can we learn is life-changing. Listen as God talked to God!

- I. **We can learn from OUR LORD’S PRAYER FOR HIMSELF (17:1b-5).**
 - A. His Motives (1b)
 - B. His Mission (2-4)
 1. Its Scope: Complete (2a)
 2. Its Goal: Eternal Life (2b-3)
 3. Its Fulfilment (4)
 - C. His Majesty (5)

- II. **We can learn from OUR LORD’S PRAYER FOR HIS APOSTLES (17:6-19).**
 - A. He Rejoices in Their Past (17:6-8)
 1. Progress of Their Relationship (6-7)
 2. Praise for Their Response (8)

 - B. He Reflects on Their Present (17:9-11a)
 1. Special Concern (9-10)
 2. Special Need 11a)

 - C. He Requests for Their Future (17:11b-19)
 1. Their Safety (11b-16)
 - a. The Outcome of the Request (11b)
 - b. The Reasons for the Request (12-16)

 2. Their Sanctification (17-19, “Set Apart”)
 - a. The Instrument (17)
 - b. The Outcome (18, “Sent Ones”)
 - c. The Power (19)

Are you *in* the world but not *of* it?

Are you *in* the Word and being *transformed* by it?

His “first string” was very successful... Are we carrying on what they began?

FOR NEXT TIME—Read John 17:20-26, *Easter’s Story of Glory*

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS FOR APRIL 2, 2023

1. Who could you invite to Good Friday or Easter Services? Pray for these.
2. Read John 17:3. How does Jesus’ definition of “eternal life” impact how we view our salvation?
3. In what way are you “in the world but not of the world” in your daily life?

4. If we are not commanded to be isolated from the world, why is being “inoculated” with God’s Word allow us to be “in the world, but not of it”?
5. How could you better “saturate” your life with God’s Word of Truth in order to live effectively for Christ?
6. As you consider what Jesus’ prayed for in John 17:1-19, what surprises you about His prayer?
7. How does considering Jesus’ prayer in John 17 better prepare you for Passion Week and Easter?