

EASTER'S STORY OF GLORY

John 17:20-26

FROM PASTOR MARK

HAPPY EASTER! The darkness of Gethsemane and Good Friday gave way to the glory of Easter morning! In John 17, the night before the cross, we listen to the mysterious wonder of God talking to God. In the process, the story line of the whole Bible comes into view, God's Story—a Story of Glory!

- I. **HIS GLORY AS FATHER (John 17:5)**
- II. **HIS GLORY AS SON (John 17:4, 19:30)**
- III. **HIS GLORY THROUGH US (John 17:20-26)**
 - A. Our Unification (17:20-23)
 1. Jesus Prayed for Us (20).
 2. Jesus' Prayers Are Always Answered (21-23, Ephesians 4:3-5)
 - a. Union with God
 - b. Union with One Another
 - c. Resulting Witness to the World
 - B. Our Glorification (17:24)
 1. Glory of the Presence of Christ (24a)
 2. Glory In the Presence of Christ (24b)
 - a. He was looking forward to again experiencing glory in the Father's presence (5)
 - b. This experience will change us(1 John 3:1-3).
 - c. Those whom He justifies, He sanctifies, and will glorify (1 Cor. 6:11, Rom. 8:30)
 - C. Our Affection (17:25-26)
 1. Love Entered (25-26a)
 2. Love Expressed (26b)
 3. Love Experienced (26c, 14:23)

Easter Glory and You...

TO DISCUSS WITH FAMILY AND FRIENDS:

1. What did you learn about God as three in one from John 17?
2. What is the difference between adding God to your story and you joining God's story?

FOR NEXT WEEK—Read Habakkuk 1, *Lord, I'm Confused*