

GOSPEL OF JOHN
Jesus Prays
John 16:32-17:5
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I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world."

John 16:33 ESV

Two things to remember:

In this world you will have trouble.
Jesus has overcome the world.

JESUS PRAYS TO GOD IN HEAVEN

When Jesus had spoken these words, he lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son that the Son may glorify you.

John 17:1 ESV

By lifting our eyes we shift our gaze from earthly things to heavenly things.

THE HOUR HAS COME

Over the years Jesus has said it is not yet my time; the hour has not yet come.

At the wedding in Cana:

"Woman, why do you involve me?" Jesus replied. "My hour has not yet come."

John 2:4 ESV

His prayer to God He declares His time has come.

GLORIFY FATHER AND SON

To glorify is to be victorious and finish the effort.

Glory for the Son, Jesus, comes through the incarnation and completed at the cross and resurrection.

The mission of Jesus glorifies the Father by:

1. Revealing God's sovereignty over evil.
2. Compassion of God for people.
3. Finality of redemption for believers.

ETERNAL LIFE

When Jesus had spoken these words, he lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son that the Son may glorify you, 2 since you have given him authority over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. 3 And this is eternal life, that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. 4 I glorified you on earth, having accomplished the work that you gave me to do. 5 And now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had with you before the world existed.

John 17:1-5 ESV

Jesus has been given the authority to give eternal life to those who believe in God and Jesus.

Eternal life is described as a relationship with God. It is not just about living forever.

MISSION COMPLETE

Jesus was committed to do the Father's will.

Jesus is God having always existed before the universe was created.