

## ENCOUNTER JESUS #29: JOHN 17:1-26 THE POWER OF HIS PRAYERS

Why would God give us a peek into this private prayer of Jesus? **WHY THIS PRAYER fragments /staccato : garden, tomb Lazarus, blessing fish/loaves**

- **HE WANTED THEM – BRING HIS JOY TO THEIR LIVES**
- PRAYED FOR DISCIPLES/ALL BELIEVE – **RELIEF – My Prayer Fail - always**
- REV P: Clearest pic Eternal Purpose of TRINITY for church outside epistles

This prayer unfolds God's plan to reveal Himself by sending His eternal Son into the world to redeem humanity and creation broken by sin through a personal and eternal relationship with Jesus. Forming a kept, sanctified, united, loved, and ever-expanding community of followers. All who share His mission; being sent into the world to proclaim Christ to the lost for their joy and the glory of the Father and the Son.

- ISRAEL: Iterations - Orthodox, Catholic, Armenian, Baptism, CC – traditions, relics, icons, cultural infl – **WHAT DID HE HAVE IN MIND \_ ANCHOR - NEED**

Jesus is the most hijacked figure in world history. Millions co-opt him for their agenda. **Reduced: role model to follow, religious good to be consumed, ultimate self-less lifestyle to emulate, purveyor of principles/policies empower institutional authority, good luck charm, divine therapist, an icon for revolution**

**MP: This prayer is a powerful petition at the apex of Jesus' ministry as He inaugurated God's kingdom and empowered all of His disciples to carry His mission forward. Empowered God's ppl 2000 yrs**

### **GOD IS ON A MISSION AND SINCE GOD IS WE ARE TOO**

Missio Dei: God's mission is to rescue and renew a lost humanity and a fallen creation. A goal that He faithfully brings to pass through Christ, and His church. **RELENTLESSLY** If the Great Commission (Go into) is the command to continue God's mission this revelation prayer paints the picture of God's plan and the purpose of his people.

- MISSED KEYWORD: Sent – 6 X Father Sends Son, Son sends His disciples

**ARGUMENT: US** eternal life, kept, sanctified, unified, loved. ..HP prayer but...

**Jesus prays for the vibrant spiritual life of His followers so that we could be an effective witness to reach the lost. Petitions with a purpose.**

**ETERNAL LIFE:** Not distant place you - when you die. Clouds/harps/sushi marriage sup  
A real and everlasting relationship with God that began the moment you trusted in Christ. A life that God intends for you to share with others.

- Personal, intim, SHAREABLE (appetizer) – **faith meant private – was VOCAL**

**John 17:2 To give eternal life to all whom you have given him. <sup>3</sup>And this is eternal life, that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. through their word**

**KEPT:** Preserving power of God in your life that sustains you as HIS – **no matter what**

- **IN GOD'S HAND** – NOTHING CAN SEPARATE YOU – **NO FEAR**

He keeps us while we are kept in this world – to **RAD GLORY** (neigh, colleg, strangers)

John 17:11,15 And I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, keep them in your name, which you have given me, that they may be one, even as we are one...<sup>15</sup>I do not ask that you take them out of the world, but that you keep them from the evil one.

So angry at world, sick of sin desperate to escape – **MISS PURPOSE HE KEPT U DEAD?**

**SANCTIFIED:** Continuously formed into image of Jesus Christ to radiate image world

- By his word – DR. SCALPEL/LASER – GOD USES WORD - SHRPER

Contrast Comm – **KINGDOM COMMUNITY – REV WHAT GOD INTENDED - INVITATION**

John 17:17-19 Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. <sup>18</sup>As you sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. <sup>19</sup>And for their sake I consecrate myself, that they also may be sanctified in truth.

**UNIFIED:** not that we all belong to same church, wear Christian shirts, weird lang.

- Baptized by God's Spirit into Christ's community – **THE COMMUNITY**

**ONE** – lord, faith, baptism, god and father of all who is over, thru, in ALL (DONE/DIED)

John 17:20-21 I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, <sup>21</sup>that they may all be one, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me.

NO SCHISM IN TRINITY – AGENDAS – HE PRAYED FOR UNITY – LIVE TO IT - HRDEST

**LOVED:** Self-giving love of God – **He has loved you like He has loved JESUS X2**

The world is broken because people are living without God's love.

John 17:23 I in them and you in me, that they may become perfectly one, so that the world may know that you sent me and loved them even as you loved me.

Muslims Ramadan – they need God's love / racial division / violence / social confusion / brken families / ppl changing gender – **GOD'S LOVE THRU CHURCH MAGNET LOST**

**Keep them, sanctify, unite, love – SO THE WORLD MAY KNOW**

THAT'S HIS PRAYER WILL YOU LIVE AS AN ANSWER TO JESUS' PRAYER?

LOCAL CHURCH WEDDING RING – **SHOW OFF THE RING** – we show gods glory

EVER-EXPANDING COMMUNITY OF CHURCHES THAT WE PLANT

- LAUNCHING TODAY - ACC

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