

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**
small pieces of prayers left his prayer life enigmatic – mysterious – THIS ONE
He wanted them to hear this prayer – BRING HIS JOY INTO THEIR LIVES

- PRAYED FOR – peter, others cross – here disciples/you – **RELIEF – MY P fail**
- REVELATION P - UNVEILING: Clearest picture Purpose of TRINITY outside epist

This prayer unfolds God's plan to reveal Himself by sending His eternal Son into the world to redeem people broken in their sins to Himself in a personal and eternal relationship through faith in His Son. Forming a united, kept, sanctified, 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 enable institutional authority, good luck charm, divine therapist, an icon for revolution

- o STORY GOD IS WRITING – MISSION GOD IS ON

MP: This prayer consummates the upper room conversation and Christ's earthly ministry. A powerful petition at the apex of His mission as He inaugurated God's kingdom and empowered all of His disciples to carry it forward.

GOD'S MISSION

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.

If the Great Commission (Go into all the world) is the command to continue God's mission this revelation prayer is the reason, the heart, and the explanation behind it.

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

ARGUMENT: More words life, kept, united, sanctified, loved - **DOING vs BEING**

All Mission: Reduce relationship with God to works, and religious activity.

All Being: Reduce relationship with God to self, at the exclusion of the lost.

SYNTHESIZES BOTH: Jesus prays for the life of His followers with the purpose of fulfilling God's mission. The reinstitution of Image Bearing/Witness. **SEE FOR URSELF**

ETERNAL LIFE: Not far off place you will go to someday when you die. Clouds/harps
A real relationship with God that began the moment you trusted in Christ that lasts forever.

- Personal, intim, SHAREABLE (appetizer – meant shared) – not privatized

John 17:2 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.

UNITY: not just that we all belong to the same church, wear Christian shirts, same language

- Baptized by God's Spirit into the community of Christ – **THE COMMUNITY**
- We are one – one faith, one baptism, one Lord
 - o United with one another as the Father and the Son are united - **WITNESS**

John 17:20-21 I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, ²¹that 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.

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

- Gathered to Himself – IN HIS HAND – NOTHING CAN SEPARATE US
 - o Planted in this world for a purpose –

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....¹⁵I do not ask that you take them out of the world, but that you keep them from the evil one.

SANCTIFIED: Continuously formed into the image of Jesus Christ

- Through every circumstance ur life (especially adversity) **POTTER/HUSBANDM**

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

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

LOVED:

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.

LIKE DIAMONDS SET IN A RING

IMAGE BEAR/WITNESS: Radiate kingdom to draw others to CHRIST ROBUST LIFE

- Glory = manifest, reveal – because it's HIS WORK THROUGH OUR LIVES
- HG, Bible Studies, Women's Mens, Youth,

We foster the life of the church, to radiate God's kingdom to the lost to expand the community of Christ followers for the glory of the Father and Son. **CHURCH PLANTING**

- EVER EXPANDING COMMUNITY OF CHURCHES

Church Planting: creating communities of Christ followers in places where there is no Christian witness or where there is a failing Christian to

THAT'S CHRIST'S PRAYER – YOU ARE AN ANSWER TO THAT PRAYER

It's not that you are going to be sent it's that you are sent. The moment you surrendered to Jesus in faith, you were appointed to God's mission. If you're saved you're sent.

Powerful fulfillment for 2000 years – answered prayer powerful prayer