

Following Jesus - The Life of a Disciple - Part 50

Lesson 50 – Jesus Prays

Background:

In the previous lessons we learned about the promised coming of the Holy Spirit to lead and guide the disciples.

In this lesson we see Jesus deep in prayer for both Himself and His disciples. In addition, he prays for those of us who would later believe in the gospel because of the faithfulness of the disciples.

Read: [John 17:1-26; Matthew 26:36-46; Mark 14:32-42; Luke 22:39-46](#)

Read the Following Quote

“The glory of God is supremely revealed in the self-giving of His Son. To see Christ is to see the Father’s heart.” [John Stott](#)

Questions:

How do you think that the glory of God was, and still is, revealed in Jesus?

Scripture Passage:

Now answer the questions based on [John 17:1-26](#)

Jesus Prays to be Glorified

1. Is it significant that Jesus looked to heaven when He prayed? What “hour” do you think had come? Discuss verses 2-3. What is Jesus saying about eternal life in this passage? How do you think Jesus expected the Father to glorify Him in verse 4-5?

Jesus Prays For His Disciples

2. In verses 6-10, how does Jesus describe His disciples? Do you “believe with certainty” that Jesus came from the Father? Why do you believe? Are you fully convinced in the words of Jesus? Do you ever doubt what the Bible says and Jesus taught? Why or why not?

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3. What do verses 11 and 12 say about the relationship we have with Jesus and also the Father? Why is Jesus no longer going to "remain" with the disciples? Who is the "one doomed to destruction"? What scripture was being fulfilled by this individual?
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4. In verses 13-19 Why does Jesus state the disciples will be hated? Do you ever feel hated as a Christian? Do you think you belong to this world, or somewhere else? What, or whom, did the disciples need to be protected from and how does that compare with His disciples today? How can we be sanctified and where are we being sent?
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Jesus Prays for All Believers

5. Read verses 20-26. Jesus states that He is not just praying for the disciples. Who else was He praying for? How does that make you feel? What do you think it means to be "in" the Father and experience Christ's glory? What do you think Jesus is teaching about "unity"?
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Gethsemane [Matthew 26:36-46; Mark 14:32-42; Luke 22:39-46](#)

Read these three passages together as they are very similar. However, there are some pieces of information that are different in each one, so compare them carefully.

6. Where did Jesus go next? What did He ask His disciples to do? Which of the disciples did He ask to come with Him and what did He ask these disciples to do? Who are the sons of Zebedee? What deep emotional truth does He share with these three men? Does Jesus' deep emotion surprise you? Why or why not? Did Jesus stay with these three men?
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7. What further detail about the location does Luke include? What does this tell you about the location of the Garden of Gethsemane? (Luke 22:39) What instruction

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did Jesus give the disciples in verse 40? What kind of temptation do you think Jesus was talking about? How can it help us to pray like this today?

8. What specifically did Jesus pray about according to Mark 14:36? What cup do you think Jesus was talking about? Discuss the emotions and attitude that Jesus seems to be displaying during His time in the garden?
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9. What did Jesus find when He returned to His disciples? What further details does Mark include? (Matthew 26: 40-45)
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10. What further details does Luke include about the time of prayer that Jesus had by Himself? Is it possible to sweat blood? Why might Jesus need to be strengthened by an angel?
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11. Jesus tells the disciples that they "will have trouble" in this world. What do you think He means by that? Did they disciples "have trouble?" Do Christians have trouble today? How can we cope with troubles? What does Jesus mean when He says, "take heart"?
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Suggested Prayer:

"Dear Lord Jesus, when we read about your darkest hour at Gethsemane we are saddened and challenged. We see that you poured out your deepest sorrow and surrendered entirely to the Father's will. Help us to be this transparent and open when we talk to our Heavenly Father. Lord, When our spirits are willing but our flesh is weak, and when the trials of life weigh heavy upon us, strengthen us and grant us the grace to continue to be faithful and to watch and pray. Forgive us when we seem to be sleepwalking through the spiritual battles that come our way. Lord, as we live our lives in obedience to you, give us the strength to resist temptation, to stand firm in our faith, and to echo your words with fully dedicated hearts: Father, not our will, but yours be done. Amen.

For Further Reading: [Gethsemane](#)

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