



Adult Education Winter 2015 –
The Gospel According to John

**CLASS 8—MARCH 8:
THE PRAYER, TRIAL AND PASSION OF JESUS (17:1-19:42)**

I. Structure of Chapters 17:1-19:42

A. The Prayer of Jesus (17:1-26)

1. Jesus prays for his glorification (17:1-5)
2. Jesus prays for his disciples (17:6-19)
3. Jesus prays for those who will believe (17:20-23)
4. Jesus prays that all believers may be perfected so as to see Jesus' glory (17:24-26)

B. The Trial and Passion of Jesus (18:1-19:42)

1. Jesus arrested (18:1-11)
2. Jesus before Annas (18:12-14)
3. Peter's first denial of Jesus (18:15-18)
4. The interrogation of Jesus before Annas (18:19-24)
5. Peter's second and third denials of Jesus (18:25-27)
6. The trial of Jesus before Pilate (18:28-19:16a)
7. Jesus crucified (19:16b-30)
8. The piercing of Jesus' side (19:31-37)
9. The burial of Jesus (19:38-42)

II. The Farewell Discourse: Part II (15:1 – 16:33) (CONT.)

A. The Work of the Holy Spirit (16:4b – 15)

1. **Convict the World concerning Sin, Righteousness and Judgment:**
2. **Guide Christians in Truth (v. 12)**
3. **Glorify Christ (v. 14)**

B. The Prospect of Joy Beyond the Trouble of This World (16:16-33)

1. **With Jesus' Death and Resurrection, the Truth will Be "Plain" (v. 25)**
2. **Jesus Has Overcome the World (v. 33)**

III. The High Priestly Prayer

A. Introduction and Themes

1. **The High Priestly Prayer is Connected to the Farewell Discourse:** This was common in the ancient world, in both Jewish and Hellenistic texts.
2. **Summarizes Johannine Themes:**
 - a. **Jesus' Obedience to the Father**

- b. **Glorification of Father through Jesus' death/exaltation**
- c. **Revelation of God in Christ,**
- d. **Choosing of disciples out of the world**
- e. **Jesus' mission to the world**
- f. **Unity of the Church modeled on the Unity of Father and Son,**
- g. **Christians' Final Destiny in Presence of Father and Son**

3. **The climax of the movement that brings Jesus back to God (a kind of return to John 1:1)**

B. Jesus Prays for His Glorification (17:1-5)

- 1. **The Hour has Come (v. 1):** Jesus prays for God's will to be done; he is asking God to reverse the "self-emptying" *kenosis* of the Incarnation and restore him to his splendor in heaven.
- 2. **Purpose of His Glorification (v.2):** To give eternal life to those God has given to the Son.
- 3. **What is Eternal Life (v.3):** The very personal knowledge of (and relation to) God in Christ.
- 4. **"Before the World Existed" (v.5):** Remember John 1:1 "In the beginning . . ."

C. Jesus Prays for His Disciples (17:6-19)

- 1. **They are Chosen "out of the world." (v. 6):** Here again the dichotomy between *kosmos* and church.
- 2. **They Recognize his Divinity—that he has come from God (vv.7-8)**
- 3. **"Not For the World" (v. 9):** Jesus here prays for those who are his, and not for the world. He will pray too for those who are his and will come out of the world to him.
- 4. **They Need Strength (v. 11):** Jesus is about to leave them, and the disciples, aided by the Holy Spirit, will need to face the temptations and persecution of the world without Jesus' presence.
- 5. **They Need Fidelity (v.11-12):** Jesus prays that God will keep the disciples faithful to the revelation of Christ.
- 6. **Let Them Share in My Joy (v. 13):** He desires their faithfulness so that they can partake in the same personal relationship to the Father as he does.
- 7. **They are *In But Not of* the World (v. 14) and the World Hates Them (v. 15):** Again, the theme of the church and the world (think Augustine here); Jesus condemns the world, the world hates him and those who identify with him, because of it (Also note the reference to the Devil/spiritual warfare).
- 8. **They Need to be Sanctified (vv.17-19):** They must be "set apart" for God's purposes (there is also a hint of what sanctification may mean for the eleven—suffering and persecution).

D. Jesus Prays for Those Who Will Believe (17:20-23):

- 1. **Unity in Love (vv. 21-23):** This entitles them to share in the richness of fellowship with God *and* serves as a powerful witness to the world of the truthfulness of Christ.

E. Jesus Prays that All Believers May Be Perfected So as to See Jesus' Glory (17:24-26)

- 1. **This is the conclusion and end/aim of the prayer –** the fulfillment of the ancient hope that God would dwell in the midst of his people.