

**PRAYER – 15**  
**SEPTEMBER 14, 2016**

**LUKE 5:16 (NAS)**

**INTRODUCTION:** Scripture tells us Jesus spent time in prayer often. Scripture doesn't always tell us what He prayed about. In **JOHN 17**, the Apostle records one of the most personal prayers Jesus prayed. This chapter gives us the opportunity to observe Jesus in prayer at the most critical time of His life.

**THE FINAL DISCOURSE**

In **JOHN 13-16**, in His final discourse, Jesus taught about washing feet and being servants; about the love commandment; about our heavenly home; about doing His works; about the Holy Spirit; about the vine and the branches; about the Father's love and how to pray in His name; and about our having tribulation in this world. The hour has come and He knows He's about to die. He prays what has been named His high priestly prayer.

**JESUS PRAYS FOR HIMSELF - JOHN 17:1-5**

The one word that dominates His prayer for Himself is glory. It occurs in some form five times. Why the request for glory?

1. In order to glorify the Father. **JOHN 17:1**
  - A. Satan wanted to rob God of His glory.
  - B. Jesus wanted to be glorified to the praises of God.
2. Jesus earned it at the cross. **JOHN 17:4**
  - A. Jesus was given work to do on earth. He glorified God by His life and obedience.
  - B. God rewards those who serve Him. **2 TIM. 4:7-8, 1 PET. 5:4**
3. The glory rightfully belonged to Him. **JOHN 17:5**
  - A. **PHIL. 2:5-11** – God rewards those who serve Him.

**JESUS PRAYS FOR HIS DISCIPLES – JOHN 17:6-19**

Now Jesus directs His prayers to the needs of those who stood by His side and supported Him in His earthly ministry. He revealed the Father to them, He gave them the Word, and they knew that Jesus was the Messiah. He prays:

1. To keep them from falling away. To preserve them in obedience through the power of His name. **JOHN 17:11a**
2. For unity among them. **JOHN 17:11b**
  - A. Something Jesus did while with them. **JOHN 17:12**
3. For joy in the midst of opposition. **JOHN 17:13**
  - A. Joy the world can't give or take away.
4. For protection from evil. **JOHN 17:15**
  - A. **LUKE 22:31-32**
5. For sanctification. **JOHN 17:17**
  - A. It is the truth sown in their hearts that would keep them set apart to do God's will and live holy lives in the midst of a sinful world.

**JESUS PRAYS FOR ALL CONVERTS – JOHN 17:20-26**

Knowing their primary mission was to preach the gospel and make disciples, Jesus prays for those who will come to Him through their word. He prays:

1. For unity. **JOHN 17:20-21**
  - A. Jesus knew the power and importance of unity.
  - B. Jesus knew the effect of unity.
2. For glory. **JOHN 17:22-23** Nothing can bring unity like the glory of God being manifest in human lives. **2 COR. 4:6-7**
3. For a reunion. **JOHN 17:24-26**
  - A. He was to die and leave earth forever. He wanted them to see Him again in all His glory, and experience the love that only God can provide.