

The Gospel of John

The Lord's Prayer

John 17:1-26

The most famous prayer by Christ, often called the "Lord's Prayer", is found in Matthew 6:9-13 and Luke 11:2-4. That prayer is better described as the "Model Prayer". The prayer recorded in John 17 is the true "Lord's Prayer" and the longest prayer recorded in the Gospels.

The Setting

- After the Last Supper on Tuesday night, 14th of Nisan
- This occurs shortly before Christ and His disciples arrive at the Garden of Gethsemane (14:31).

The Story

- The Prayer for Himself – vs. 1-5
 - The time has come for Christ's sacrifice – vs. 1
 - The purpose of the hour – vs. 2-3
 - The earthly ministry of Christ completed – vs. 4
 - The return to Glory – vs. 5
- The Prayer for the Disciples – vs. 6-19
 - Christ has prepared the Disciples – vs. 6
 - The disciples have the Word of God to carry them forward – vs. 7-8
 - Christ's ministry is for the believer, not the world – vs. 9-10
 - The prayer for the disciples to be unified – vs. 11
 - The purpose of Judas was foretold – Psalm 41:9 – vs. 12
 - The coming joy – see 15:11 – vs. 13
 - The hatred of the world toward the believer – vs. 14
 - The disciples must be in the world, but not of the world – vs. 15
 - The unavoidable separation – vs. 16
 - The sanctifying power of the Word – vs. 17
 - Sanctify probably refers to a combination of consecration to the work and spiritual growth.
 - Carrying on the work of Christ – vs. 18
 - The purpose of the Cross for the believer – vs. 19
- The Prayer for His Church – vs. 20-26
 - Christ's concerns for the Church – vs. 20-21
 - The relationship of the Believer, the Son, and the Father – vs. 22-23
 - The future of the Believer and Christ – vs. 24
 - The love of God revealed to man through Christ – vs. 25-26