

Be the One



A Forgotten Fact:

You can be an Answer to Jesus' Prayer!

Think about it:

- ◇ Reconciling
- ◇ Serving Jesus
- ◇ Loving the "Unlovable"

Anytime you represent Jesus, you really are an answer to His prayer.

Other Notes or Observations You Have:

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John 17:20-26



²⁰"My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, ²¹that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me. ²²I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one: ²³I in them and you in me. May they be brought to complete unity to let the world know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me.

²⁴"Father, I want those you have given me to be with me where I am, and to see my glory, the glory you have given me because you loved me before the creation of the world.

²⁵"Righteous Father, though the world does not know you, I know you, and they know that you have sent me. ²⁶I have made you known to them, and will continue to make you known in order that the love you have for me may be in them and that I myself may be in them."

John 17:20-26, NIV

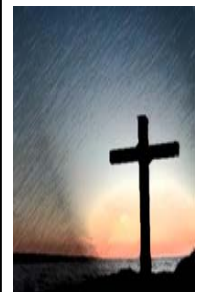
"It is a wonderful & precious thing to remember that before these terrible hours His last words were not of despair but of glory"
William Barclay

The Countdown is On:

As Jesus prays this prayer, He knows that in a matter of hours, He will be

<u>Betrayed</u>	<u>Arrested</u>
<u>Denied</u>	<u>Convicted</u>
<u>Crucified</u>	<u>Buried</u>

He chooses to pray for people.



Long Distance Relationship

"My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message" (v. 20)

Another Impressive Item about Jesus:

He prayed for you about 2000 years ago!

What do you do when a person comes up to you and let's you know they are praying for you?

Now, Consider This:

What do you do when you find out that Jesus Prayed for You?

By the Way,
Jesus is praying for you RIGHT NOW!
(Hebrews 07:25)

Substance, Not Fluff

A Few of the Elements in This Prayer:

- ◇ Unity
- ◇ Glory
- ◇ Evangelism

Jesus did not waste words.



Substance, Not Fluff (cont.)

There is an abundant amount of confidence in Jesus' prayer.



When we are in line with what God desires, then we should be confident as we pray.

"Let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need" (Heb. 04:16)

What is the "substance" of your prayers?

Evangelism: Jesus' Style

"...so that the world may believe that you have sent me" (v. 21)

Jesus' idea of Evangelism is about His followers loving and caring for one another.



Jesus prays for unity because He knows that without unity the message of real life will not be heard.

Jesus is concerned for people.

"He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance" (02 Peter 03:09)

We have so many methods about evangelism, yet Jesus points to one: Loving One Another!