



# A Kingdom

NOT OF THIS WORLD

## Holy of Holies

September 7, 2025 Message Notes  
*John 17*

### NOTES

John's Gospel, in chapters 17–19, presents a vision of life that's not of this world - not on Mars, but somewhere better.

“My kingdom is not of this world.” John 18:36

Jesus brings a life and power that is *not of this world* right into this world's chaos, corruption, hypocrisy, fear, violence, injustice, and brutality.

Jesus prepares himself for maximum pressure - like an astronaut before liftoff or a mountaineer before ascent.



His vehicle is the cross and the mount is Calvary.

What was on his mind, in his heart and soul?

What was he feeling, saying?

He was praying.

Not the rote ritual of empty repetition but deep communion,  
fellowship, relationship with God as Father.

Jesus steps into the role of high priest - standing in the gap for people,  
praying, offering sacrifice as in the Holy of Holies on the Day of Atonement.

### **Jesus Prays for Himself**

“Father, the time has come. Glorify your Son, that your Son may glorify you. For you granted him authority over all people that he might give eternal life to all those you have given him. Now this is eternal life: that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent. I have brought you glory on earth by completing the work you gave me to do. And now, Father, glorify me in your presence with the glory I had with you before the world began.”

John 17:1-5

### **Glorify**

- Praying
- Eternal life
- Election
  - Whosoever will may come.
  - Whosoever does is the elect.
- Glory

**Glorify** – Jesus has been journeying from glory to glory.

Pre-Creation

Consummated



Incarnate                      Enthroned  
Crucified                      Ascended  
Resurrected

## **Jesus Prays for the Leaders He Trained**

“I have revealed you to those whom you gave me out of the world. They were yours, you gave them to me and they have kept your word.”

John 17:6

“Holy Father, protect them by the power of your name – the name you gave me – so that they may be one as we are one.”

John 17:11

“My prayer is not that you take them out of the world, but that you protect them from the evil one. They are not of the world, even as I am not of it.”

John 17:15-16

“Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth. As you sent me into the world, I have sent them into the world. For them I sanctify myself, that they may be truly sanctified.”

John 17:17-19

## **Sanctify**

- Set apart = be kept, be one
- We are kept, protected by the Holy Spirit.
- We are one in purpose and mission.
- Here to make God known, to help people find and follow Christ

## **Jesus Prays for Us and All Who Will Believe**



“I also pray for those who will believe in me through their message, that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us that the world may believe that you have sent me.”

John 17:20-21

## Unify

“I 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.”

John 17:23

This is the gospel – the prayer of Jesus on his way to the cross - praying that you, everyone you know, and even those you don’t know, could one day know that they are loved - to the same degree that the Father loves the Son - and put their trust in him.

“...He is able to save to the uttermost those who come to God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them.”

Hebrews 7:25 (NKJV)

The High Priest carried the names of the tribes/people of Israel with him on his garments when he went into the presence of God.

Jesus not only carries us on his shoulders, the place of strength, but also over his heart, which speaks of love.

Pray: *“God, get glory from my life.”*

Pray: *“Use me to help others rise into servant leadership.”*

Pray: *“Lord, help my family, my friends, my neighbors at work, school, and home find you.”*



We all have a place. We each play a part as Jesus the High Priest and God the Father build the bigger picture with us, through us, by his Holy Spirit.

**Questions to think about:**

1. Jesus prayed for himself before facing the cross. How does this challenge or affirm your view of praying for yourself?
2. In John 17, Jesus prays for unity among his followers. What does true unity look like in today's church, and how is it different from uniformity?
3. Eternal life is described as knowing God personally, not just living forever. How does this definition reshape the way you think about salvation?
4. Jesus prayed for "those yet to believe." Who in your life could be on your prayer list as someone yet to believe, and how might you join God in reaching them?

