

## **Ann's Choice Bible Study, John 17:1 – John 18:14, March 24, 2021**

Chapter 17 is a prayer by the Lord who knows that his days on earth are few. First Jesus prays to be glorified in order to glorify the Father.

Read John 17:1-5

1. What authority did God grant to his Son Jesus Christ according to these verses?
2. In his prayer, how does Jesus define eternal life?
3. In verses 4 and 5, what kind of glory is mentioned by our Savior?

Jesus prayed for his disciples. Read John 17:6-12

4. Jesus said that he revealed God to his disciples and that they know everything came from God the Father, all his actions and attributes. What are some of the things Christ did in the previous chapters that showed God's character?
5. Jesus said that the glory of God had come to him through his followers. What did he ask God to do for the believers?
6. "El Shaddai, Almighty God" Jesus prayed, protect them by the power of your name. He wanted his disciples to be set apart, not of "the world", and to be fruitful. How might we show God's name or God's character to the people around us? How can we be reassured about God's protection?

Read John 17:13-19

7. Jesus prayed out loud saying, "I am coming to you now." What did he want the disciples to gain from hearing his prayer?
8. Again, Jesus spoke of how the disciples were set apart, "not of this world". Also read 1 John 2:15-17. How did he ask for them to be sanctified?

Read John 17:20-26

9. Jesus prayed for all who received the gospel message and believed on Christ as their Savior. What did he say would be accomplished by their unity? What gift did he give us to help us become unified?
  
10. Jesus refers several times to his relationship with God before the creation of the world. What was his stated purpose in making God known to his followers?

Read Chapter 18:1-14

When Jesus had finished praying, he crossed the Kidron Valley and went to the Garden of Gethsemane.

11. How did Judas Iscariot know about the garden? Whom did he bring there?
  
12. How did Jesus identify himself to the soldiers? What was their reaction?
  
13. Peter attacked the high priest's servant, cutting off his ear. What was Jesus' command to Peter?

Jesus knew the plan that God has for our redemption and that nothing would hinder the accomplishment of God's will. As we approach Easter, please read the last few chapters of the Gospel of John to be reminded of God's love for us, of how God sent his Son Jesus to redeem us from sin. I pray that you find comfort and joy in the Lord during this Easter season. I pray that you feel the protection that he provides for you. Read Isaiah 43:1-2. Insert your name in verse one in place of Jacob's name. This gives me reassurance and colors my attitude with a positive outlook. God does not want us to dwell on our failures of the past. Read Isaiah 43:18-19. God is putting new blessings on our plate every day. We need to present to him a clean plate, not one cluttered with the leftovers and scraps of our past. Each day, as we go to the Lord in prayer, we can look with joy and expectation at what blessings God has for us.